KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JANUARY 1973 "But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5. VOL. XVI NO. 1

Dear Fellow Publishers:

An interesting report was recently given by Brother Knorr at the Bethel table. He returned on November 29 from visiting fourteen branches in Europe and the Middle East. His first stop was Israel, where he spent seven days checking into details of the Holy Land tour that many brothers from various countries would like to make. During his visit he spoke to a total of 312 persons. Next he stopped at Cyprus, spoke there to 600, visited four Kingdom Halls, and talked over matters regarding a Greek-language assembly for Nicosia in 1973. In Greece he found the brothers keenly anticipating the visit of brothers from other lands.

He found Italy's new branch office functioning well, and some new machinery for printing was purchased during his visit. In Finland printing facilities are being enlarged by building a new factory, and France just completed a fine, new two-story printery and shipping department in Louviers, sixty-five miles outside of Paris.

Germany is planning for two large conventions in 1973: One in Düsseldorf, where the program will be in both English and German; the other will be in Munich, where provisions will also be made for the Greek brothers to assemble. In Denmark a fine stadium has been obtained for a big gathering of the Norwegian and Danish brothers. Our brothers from Sweden will be going to Finland, and already some 12,000 Swedish brothers have booked passage to attend the Helsinki assembly. A large French assembly will be held in France. Utrecht is the location of the international assembly in the Netherlands, and Belgium will have four large conventions—in Portuguese, Spanish, French and Flemish. The brothers in Britain are excited about their two conventions, in London and Edinburgh; and in Dublin, Ireland, a very fine hall has been booked for their planned assembly.

In the fourteen countries visited, there was an increase of 9,909 publishers over the same month of last year. They had an excellent increase in subscriptions, obtaining 54,814 new ones—19,627 over last year's total. The baptism figures thus far in these fourteen countries have held up well. They are just a little behind last year's total at this point.

It was a fine trip, and Brother Knorr had the opportunity to check the various branches, as well as working on convention matters. The enthusiasm of the brothers runs high for the international conventions of 1973. The brothers in Europe send warm love and greetings to those in other parts of the earth.

We are all working together, accepting appointed elders as shepherds of God's flock.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

The Work That Remains to Be Done

1 Our work of preaching and teaching was given the best kind of start over nineteen hundred years ago. Jesus, at his Father's direction, "went around throughout the whole of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news of the kingdom." (Matt. 4:23) He had the same love for people that his Father had.

2 What is our view of the work that yet remains to be done? Do we view it as an opportunity to bring the good news of salvation to still others while there is yet time and to warn the wicked? as an opportunity to demonstrate to God what is really in our hearts? as an opportunity to set a good example for our brothers in zeal and faithfulness in these critical times?

3 Many are the opportunities to do so! Thus we look forward to the next four months of the 35th annual *Watchtower* campaign. We recognize it as one of the chief instruments furnished us by Jehovah through his "faithful and discreet slave," bringing us 'food at the proper time' and assisting us in bringing the truth to others in our territory. And how will these be found? Primarily in the house-to-house work. What a fine thing it would be if all in our assigned territory could listen to our Scriptural presentation on "Getting to Know God," also to see the current issue of *The Watchtower* and hear our description of it!

4 Effective presentations are usually not made without forethought. Practicing in advance with family members or with others in the congregation will result in confidence as you participate in the house-to-house work.

5 Preparation should also include our appearance. Let us bear in mind that we have the privilege, as did Timothy, of being "a fine minister of Christ Jesus." And how did he reach this status? By being "nourished with the words of the faith and of the fine teaching which you have followed closely" and not by imitating the extreme fads and hair grooming of worldly persons. (1 Tim. 4:6) Encouraging others to subscribe for and read *The Watchtower* will be more convincing if we are dressed neatly, tastefully and in an attire associated with one who represents himself as God's minister. First impressions are important, so why place an obstacle before someone who might be looking for the truth?

6 During the *Watchtower* campaign it would be good to carry several copies of the pocket-size publications with us. We have a variety now, including the *Evolution*, *Truth*, *Word of God* and *Great Teacher* books. If people tell us they subscribe, we can offer them one of these books and possibly get a home

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★ **Accepting appointed elders as shepherds of God's flock.** ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 7

15 min: Song 53. Introduction, text and comments. Discuss January theme.

20 min: "The Work That Remains to Be Done." Questions and answers. On paragraph four, might have some capable publishers relate what they feel will be effective in the local territory in presenting the Scriptural discussion "Getting to Know God."

10 min: Branch Letter. Handle in harmony with material and needs of the congregation.

15 min: Concluding comments. To be handled by Bible study overseer: What is being done about family study? Interview some family heads, also sisters who regularly study with their children although father is not a believer. Ask them what they study, when they have their family study, how much time they spend, how they handle the study, etc. Encourage others to do the same. If some are having a problem, invite them to speak to the Bible study overseer about it. Song 86.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 14

15 min: Song 91. Introduction, text and comments. "Question Box," also December field service report for the congregation.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—'Who Is It?'" Questions and answers. Demonstrate some points.

15 min: "Benefiting from the Circuit Overseer's Visit." Can cover by means of questions and answers. If time allows, some publishers can be given an opportunity to express themselves concerning their appreciation for engaging in the field ministry during the visit of the circuit overseer.

5 min: Monthly accounts report. Follow the form of Monthly Accounts Report on page 2 of "Instructions for Congregation Accounting," Form S-27, filling in the items and categories of receipts and disbursements. Payments of interest and principal on any Kingdom Hall construction or indebtedness and the balance remaining on any Kingdom Hall loan account should be made clear in the monthly report. The congregation should be given the opportunity to ask any questions they may have on the report, and such questions should be fully answered. The report should be clear and complete so all in the congregation will be informed as to the financial standing of the congregation. (See "Organization," pages 152, 153.)

10 min: Concluding comments. Discuss slogan at bottom of page four concerning obtaining subscriptions in house-to-house work. Applicable Announcements. Song 93.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 21

(You may plan your own service meeting for this evening.)

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 28

10 min: Song 1. Introduction, text and comments.

15 min: "Present Subscriptions with Conviction." Questions and answers. Arrange for some publishers to relate experiences or incidents that illustrate benefits newly interested ones received from "Watchtower" subscription or individual copy.

15 min: "Questions from Readers." December 15, 1972, "Watchtower." This can be a discussion between two brothers. The scriptures can be read and applied. Make discussion Scriptural and upbuilding. Show what each mate can do to keep the marriage clean and approved in God's sight.

20 min: Concluding comments. To be handled by "Watchtower" study conductor: How do you study your "Watchtower"? Interview some of the publishers. Emphasize gaining understanding, appreciating how statements in the lesson help us to understand portions of the Bible itself, also making it a practice to apply the material to oneself. Song 12.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 4

10 min: Song 15. Introduction, text and comments.

15 min: "Getting to Know God." Discuss various aspects of Scriptural discussion that have been found most successful in local territory. Also, what might be said to introduce the current issue of "The Watchtower" being distributed, and especially the opening article that ties in with the theme of the Scriptural presentation. Include a demonstration, one that is well prepared, and show how to tie in thoughts with current "Watchtower" opening article.

20 min: "Do You Really Believe It?" By means of questions and answers have thorough discussion of this article in the January 15, 1973, issue of "The Watchtower." One in charge should see that material is thoroughly covered and understood. Discuss together the scriptures. Group the paragraphs for an entire subheading for reading or read just certain key paragraphs.

15 min: Concluding comments. To be handled by field overseer: How we use our magazines. Interview publishers who do well in placing them. Let them tell how they do it, also why they emphasize use of magazines. Tell congregation how many of the territories were actually covered with offer of magazines during past six months; how many were not. Outline arrangements for group witnessing with magazines. Include some Theocratic News items. Song 3.

Present Subscriptions with Conviction

[1] How do we personally feel about encouraging someone to accept a subscription? We need to be convinced that their receiving the magazines regularly twice each month is a good thing if we are going to speak with conviction when making the offer. Some might feel that just as much good can be accomplished by covering the territory regularly with the magazines or by having a magazine route. But would that assure that interested persons would get every issue of the magazine? No, because even with a magazine route there will be times when something interferes with our schedule, such as illness, or they may not be at home. But with a subscription they will be receiving a copy of each issue.

[2] Are we convinced that the magazines contain information that interested ones will understand, or do we feel that much of it is for Jehovah's people only and thus difficult for others to grasp? Never should we allow this thought to hinder us from enthusiastically offering the magazines to others. Even though some of the study articles might not be fully understood by them, still there is a great deal that they do understand and that will benefit them. The opening article, in fact, is usually intended to catch and hold the interest of people in the territory. Why not study it carefully, getting acquainted with its main talking points, and thus be in a position to discuss it with the householder? Many newly interested ones have expressed special appreciation for the life stories of faithful brothers and sisters as published in *The Watchtower*. Others, not understanding fully the study articles, have come to the *Watchtower* study to hear the full discussion.

[3] Are there some of us who still hesitate in presenting the subscription because the rate has been increased to $1.50? There is really no reason whatsoever to hold back from that standpoint. People in this country usually recognize that $1.50 simply covers the cost of printing and mailing. Contributing 50 cents more than in years past for the twenty-four issues received during the year is really inconsequential. This will be especially apparent as we offer one of the fifty-cent books copyrighted in 1961 or earlier as a premium with each subscription.

[4] Subscriptions for *The Watchtower* have accomplished a tremendous amount of good ever since it was first published. The "faithful and discreet slave" has used this instrument to dispense spiritual food not only to Jehovah's people, but to millions of others who were hungering and thirsting for the truth. Jehovah's faithful people appreciate that it is even more important today to be bound closely to Jehovah's visible organization and they understand the vital part *The Watchtower* plays in forming this close tie. Interested ones must also be helped to see this need, and their having each issue of *The Watchtower* available through a subscription will be invaluable to this end.

Benefiting from the Circuit Overseer's Visit

[1] How much we all enjoy the loving provision of the circuit overseer's visit! For almost a week he is with our congregation, meeting with the elders, attending all our meetings, speaking a number of times from the platform and working with us in the field. When he leaves, we feel built up spiritually and are anxious to serve more fully, putting into practice the fine suggestions he has left with us.

[2] But are all of us taking full advantage of the opportunities open to us to work with him in the field? Reports coming to the Society indicate that more could share with him in the field ministry. Sometimes, it is said, the meetings for field service, even on weekdays, are scheduled for late in the morning, resulting in only limited time available for the house-to-house work. At times few, if any, come out to enjoy the return visit and Bible study work in the afternoons.

[3] The circuit overseer is an elder, very much interested in the congregation's spirituality and how the congregation carries out its responsibility to get the good news preached in the assigned territory. Circuit overseers, having the pioneer spirit, look forward to sharing as fully as possible in the field ministry. So they enjoy serving Jehovah even if it means working alone. But when this happens, it means that the publishers are not benefiting as much from the circuit overseer's visit.

[4] What are some things that can be done so that the publishers can receive greater benefit? Preparation on the part of the elders can be a large factor. For example, they might discuss whether it would be good to start the meetings for field service earlier. While some people will sleep later on Sunday, on other days of the week they are usually up and can be called on earlier. Some territories might be worked earlier in the morning than others, and these could be selected for that week. If some of the publishers cannot be there for the meeting for field service, likely they can meet the others in the field later. The more experienced publishers might personally invite others to come along and taste the joy that results from putting forth a special effort to share in the increased field activity during the week of the circuit overseer's visit. Some might be able to enroll as temporary pioneers.

[5] The circuit overseer is desirous of aiding also in the disciple-making work. Afternoons during the week are usually set aside for return visits and Bible study activity. Why not arrange to work with him? He will be glad to go with you on some of your calls, and it is possible that his experience and ability will be just what are needed in order to get a study started. If you can arrange for your home Bible study to be conducted Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon, the circuit overseer or his wife could arrange to go with you and undoubtedly be of assistance to both the student and you. He might help you with some teaching suggestions, and the student with just the encouragement needed to build appreciation.

[6] Are there obstacles to your working with the circuit overseer? Often these can be overcome. Some who work secularly have been able to take off time to be in the field ministry that week. Are some hesitant, feeling that their presentation will not at all compare to the polished one of the experienced traveling elder? We hope he does have some thoughts and ideas to share, along with a logical and persuasive way of presenting them. In this way we learn more from him. Besides, we can have confidence that as an "older man" he will do "nothing out of contentiousness or out of egotism, but with lowliness of mind considering that the others are superior." (Phil. 2:3) Those who are concerned about improving their effectiveness in the field ministry and who make it a point to work with him are richly rewarded.

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The Work to Be Done (*Cont'd*)

Bible study started. If they refuse the subscription offer, we could show a small book and two magazines for thirty-five cents.

[7] The field ministry means work. What our attitude toward work should be is indicated for us at Ecclesiastes 9:10, which says, "All that your hand finds to do, do with your very power." It is true that "there are varieties of ministries" that must be cared for in the congregation. (1 Cor. 12:5) But while caring for all necessary matters, let us give more than the usual attention to the need to share fully in the field ministry and especially the house-to-house work.

OUR FIELD SERVICE REPORT

There were 427,289 who demonstrated their love for Jehovah by sharing in the field ministry during October. And, of these, it is fine to see, 11,256 arranged their affairs to be temporary pioneers.

Just as we will be doing in January, so in October we were featuring subscriptions. How did we do? Subscriptions took an upswing to 174,156. Magazine placements averaged 14 for publishers, 106.9 for regular pioneers and 163 for special pioneers. Will we do that well again in January? Let's try, because it is an excellent way to give a good witness.

Something else that needs special attention is our making of return visits. Do you have some share regularly each week in making return visits? And do you seize every opportunity to explain to people about our free home Bible study arrangement? It would be a fine thing for all of us to do that.

Jehovah is blessing our efforts to make disciples. During October, another 2,424 were immersed.

Announcements

◆ Literature offer: January through April: *Watchtower* subscription and an older 50-cent bound book, copyrighted in 1961 or earlier, for $1.50, or double subscription with two such 50-cent books for $3.00. If congregation runs out of these older books, leave three booklets with each subscription.

◆ A special public talk scheduled for all congregations for Sunday, March 25, is "How Resurrection Benefits All the Dead in Hell." A manuscript for this will be sent to each congregation in due time. Special handbills, showing this lecture only, may be ordered now. If your circuit assembly falls on that weekend, the special talk may be scheduled for the next week, and if other circumstances arise, the body of elders can make adjustments.

◆ Memorial this year will be on Tuesday, April 17, after 6:00 p.m. Orders for Memorial invitations may be sent at the same time that orders are submitted for the special public talk handbills, but on separate order forms. The body of elders can decide what adjustments in the schedule of other meetings for the week would be best locally. Memorial invitations may be ordered in lots of 250 at 25c, 500 at 50c, or 1,000 at $1.00. Exact payment should accompany each order.

◆ New publications available:
Listening to the Great Teacher —Portuguese
"Babylon the Great Has Fallen!" God's Kingdom Rules! —Portuguese
Divine Rulership—the Only Hope of All Mankind —Portuguese

◆ Again available in U.S.A.:
From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained —Arabic

◆ Out of stock in U.S.A.:
Strong's Concordance —English (without index)
Leeser Bible —English

◆ Please use a Remittance and Credit Request form to request credit for books given free with subscriptions. Remember to list them under "Other Items" as "Books given free with subscriptions," followed by the quantity. A credit of 45c for each book will be included with your pioneer credit.

◆ Please keep in mind that all *renewal* subscriptions are for the full rate of $1.50 per year. There is no publisher or pioneer rate on *renewals!* On each slip for a new subscription please mark if it is obtained by a pioneer, and on all subscriptions note whether they are for six months or one year. If subscriptions are for several years, each additional year is full rate. Please do not send the duplicate copy of the subscription slip. Send only the original copy along with a remittance form and exact payment to cover the subscriptions. Please list the name of the congregation and the city on the remittance form. The person handling the accounts should be familiar with the information on page 8 of the *Watchtower Cost List*.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

"Who Is It?"

[1] When the householder will not open the door but, instead, calls out, "Who is it?", what do you say?

[2] Usually we do not know what the situation is on the other side of the door, so the first thing is to be sure we are kind and considerate in our response. It is not good to try to establish rules to fit all situations. People and circumstances vary greatly. In large Eastern cities, for example, people often seem to have less time and appear to be less tolerant. In other areas they respond more readily and will converse.

[3] If we have a variety of situations and people, then what we say should be varied. In some areas publishers feel it is best to identify themselves by name and organization, doing so quickly and clearly. In other areas it is the message and purpose that are identified. In either case, the goal is to remove fear or break down prejudice so that the door will open. If it does not, then the goal is to see if a testimony of some kind can be given, or if literature can be placed, even if just a handbill or study folder.

[4] In places where householders are fearful and the voice is businesslike, one might give one's name and then say, "I'm one of Jehovah's witnesses and I would appreciate seeing you for a minute." If the door opens, the regular presentation can be given. If the door does not open and it is felt this is because of fear, one might say: "I understand. Conditions are bad everywhere and people are fearful. Let me slip this folder under the door for you to read." Some publishers have then suggested to the householder that they have the book described in the folder if it is desired. If one identifies oneself and one's purpose clearly and the door does not open, one might feel that the responsibility now rests upon the householder for refusal to listen to the message.

[5] In some neighborhoods publishers have learned that the householder who asks, "Who is it?" is not necessarily expecting the publisher to identify himself clearly by name and by organization with which he is associated. Here, having our current theme in mind, one might say something like this: "We are engaged in a community service. Honest-hearted people are concerned about the growing godlessness in the country. We believe we have something that will help those who want something better. I'd be glad to explain it to you briefly."

[6] One capable publisher relates that after trying many different things in a New York city territory composed primarily of apartment buildings, the most effective response he has found is simply to say, "Mr. (your name) to see you." If the householder demands more identification, then one could clearly identify oneself. Some have said, "I'm from the local Kingdom Hall at (give address)." No matter what the householder's response, let us not indicate disappointment or disapproval, but, rather, understanding. Many are concerned for their safety, and we can show empathy.

[7] There is no need to allow experiences like these to diminish one's happiness in the house-to-house work. We are glad when people readily open the door and listen to what we have to say. But in some neighborhoods, where people are more cautious, we can accept this as a challenge. Try different approaches; talk to other publishers and get their thoughts.

[8] Having considered the matter in advance and being prepared, we will not be uncertain or apprehensive, but will know what is best in our territory and will give to all the opportunity to hear the truth, allowing them to decide what they will do.

Circuit Overseer's Visit *(Cont'd)*

[7] The congregation is notified of the visit of the circuit overseer about two months in advance. That is the time for the overseers to begin making preparations for the visit. Publishers can begin planning too. The visit will be a time of increased activity in the field ministry, so forethought is needed. Additional magazines will undoubtedly be needed, territory should be arranged for, and meetings for field service scheduled. The entire congregation, knowing that everything has been well arranged in advance, will be looking forward eagerly to this week of increased praise to Jehovah.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Germany reports their October subscription campaign exceeded by nearly 3,000 the total of one year ago; also, the Assembly Hall in Berlin has now been finished and was dedicated November 1.

◆ France reports a new peak in subscriptions (16,186) for an October campaign.

◆ El Salvador reports baptisms running 32 percent ahead of last year's pace, with 129 baptized so far.

◆ The 16 publishers on the island of Palau report 74 attended the showing of the "Proclaiming the Good News" slides. On Saipan the 19 publishers were joined by many interested ones as 37 attended their slide showing. On the island of Yap the 7 publishers had 47 attend a slide showing.

Question Box

- What can each of us do to ensure that the monthly field service report is complete and sent to the Society on time?

Reporting our field activity at the end of the month is important. It aids the elders in the congregation to see how the brothers are doing, so they can provide needed assistance. It makes possible an accurate report to the Society and thus a meaningful report of field ministry for the country can be given in the "Kingdom Ministry," and it makes possible a full report for the "Yearbook." We are encouraged by these reports, so we all want to cooperate to make them complete. What can we do?

After enjoying a day in the field ministry, it is good to write your activity on the field service report slip so that nothing is forgotten. Then promptly at the end of the month, publishers and temporary pioneers can add up these figures and submit to the congregation just one report for the month. Regular pioneers hand their monthly report card to the field overseer. Bible study reports should be submitted by both publishers and pioneers when their field service report is turned in.

The field overseer will then immediately compile the reports and give the congregation report card to the presiding overseer, who will sign it and mail it right away. Mail service often is not good. At times a letter with regular postage (not airmail) reaches the branch office as much as seven days after being postmarked. As soon as the report is ready, the presiding overseer should mail it, not waiting until the sixth of the month, the deadline date, unless absolutely necessary.

Before mailing the report, the presiding overseer is to check it to make sure the total field activity for congregation publishers, regular pioneers and temporary pioneers is given. In this connection, a careful review of the article "Reporting Suggestions" on page seven of the November 1972 "Kingdom Ministry" would be very helpful. With the report he should include all regular pioneer report cards.

★ Most subscriptions are obtained in house-to-house work. ★

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Dear Fellow Publishers:

Some of the brothers have inquired about how we are doing as to participation in the field ministry. They have in mind that the *Yearbook*, on page 32, mentioned that, although the total number of publishers increased last year, we were down 57,430 in hours devoted to the field ministry. How are we doing now?

We have analyzed the United States report for September through November, and these are the facts: We have fewer special pioneers than we did for the same period in the previous year, and their hours now average 143.2 per month, to compare with 144.7 for the same months the year before. The regular and temporary pioneers number 21,918, which is down from last year's figure of 23,594. Last year they averaged 92.7 hours per month, and this year their report is down to 90 hours.

How about congregation publishers? They are increasing in numbers, from 389,555 for the previous year to 401,519 for the first three months of the 1973 service year. That is good to see. But their report of hours is down—from 9.9 to 9.6 per month, on the average.

Some have said: 'But we have no quotas now.' Though the hour requirements for the various branches of pioneer service have not changed, it is true that congregation publishers have no set goal of, say, ten hours per month. Yet the question might be asked: Is this a valid reason for decreasing the amount of time spent in doing the will of Jehovah God in the field service? Really, in past years we were not going in the field service simply to meet a goal of hours, were we? We were interested in preaching the good news of God's kingdom, to magnify Jehovah's name and to give others the opportunity to hear. And we still are. Now that we do not all have a set goal of hours, we are not to conclude that our field ministry is any less important.

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Be Industrious—Inherit the Promises

[1] Our study of the Scriptures has revealed to us the many wonderful promises Jehovah has made. But who will inherit these? The apostle Paul, writing the Hebrews, answers: "God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name, in that you have ministered to the holy ones and continue ministering. But we desire each one of you to show the same industriousness so as to have the full assurance of the hope down to the end, in order that you may not become sluggish, but be imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (Heb. 6:10-12) Jehovah is the Great Worker and he appreciates work done by us. So Paul reminds us that Jehovah will not forget our work, if it is the right kind of work. There must be industriousness, which means to be steadily and perseveringly active and diligent. If we have been in Jehovah's work in the past, this is good, but our determination is to continue showing this same industriousness down to the end, because the reward is indeed great.

[2] Now we are in the midst of the *Watchtower* subscription campaign. It is a time when we put forth an extraordinary effort to get new subscriptions. We can do much good by getting subscriptions from people in all walks of life. By now we have probably offered subscriptions to the interested persons we have met during the past year or those with whom we conduct studies. Perhaps through some of them we may get referrals and have opportunities to place subscriptions with people they know. However, such contacts may be limited in number.

[3] Obviously, therefore, the best place for us to get our new subscriptions now would be by going from door to door and offering the subscriptions with enthusiasm. It is easy to be enthusiastic about the information in the *Watchtower* magazine. It always tells many good things and reveals good news about Jehovah's wonderful promises. And *Awake!* appeals to many kinds of people because of its great variety of very interesting information. We really have something available for everyone. Therefore we are equipped to succeed in our work, and we should learn to use our tools effectively.

[4] An important step in equipping ourselves is to know what the magazines contain. So if we make it a point that as soon as possible after we receive our magazine we read through it, and as we do so we mark some outstanding points that we believe would appeal to people in our neighborhood, we will be in a good position to present the subscription offer in an interesting and convincing way. As we have become skillful in our work we have learned that we must *present the offer* if we are going to succeed in placing it. The magazines will have greater appeal to householders if we draw attention to at least one main point in an article.

[5] Many of us are not now subscribers ourselves but are getting our magazines at the magazine counter in the Kingdom Hall. But this should not make us think that subscriptions are unimportant. We are able to get to the Kingdom Hall regularly so we do not miss any copy of the magazine. But people whom we meet in our field service are not in that position. We are such busy people that perhaps we will not be able to go back and deliver each magazine regularly throughout the year, and especially so during winter's stormy days. So,

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★ Do not beg off from industriousness down to the end. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 11

17 min: Song 106. Introduction, text and comments. Field overseer discusses Branch Letter.

3 min: Accounts report.

13 min: "Be Industrious—Inherit the Promises." Give a talk and interview someone in congregation who has placed a subscription in door-to-door work, showing how industrious effort brings good results. May ask what had to be done. How many doors were called at before getting subscription? Show value of not giving up in work.

15 min: Presenting the Good News. Questions and answers. Demonstrate how to present good news when youth opens door.

12 min: Concluding comments. Include field service report. Song 23.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 18

10 min: Song 79. Introduction, text and comments. Theocratic News.

18 min: "Your Service to God." By means of questions and answers have a thorough coverage of first part of Chapter 6 in "Organization" book, through paragraph 2 on page 109. Read together majority of texts that are not quoted and draw attention to those quoted. Paragraphs do not have to be read. It would be better to use time to read and discuss scriptures.

20 min: "Clean from the Blood of All Men." After brief introduction two or three sisters discuss points in insert down to heading "Family Cooperation Helps." If possible use pioneers who may mention own experience if time allows to show what can be done locally.

12 min: Concluding comments. Appropriate announcements, points from Question Box. Song 119.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 25

8 min: Song 60. Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: "Your Service to God." Continue question-and-answer consideration of "Organization" book, page 109, paragraph 3 to page 112, paragraph 2 inclusive.

20 min: "Clean from the Blood of All Men." Family group or couple discuss insert from heading "Family Cooperation Helps" to end. Conclude by reading last three paragraphs. Encourage each publisher personally to read the entire "Kingdom Ministry" insert.

12 min: Concluding comments. Mention how many new subscriptions were placed by congregation so far in campaign. Draw attention to one or two points in latest magazines that should be of interest to people when you offer the magazines. Song 54.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 4

8 min: Song 73. Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: "Making Your Family Study Fill the Need." Question-and-answer discussion. Do not read paragraphs. Encourage a family study for all families, even though there may be no children. Example of family study on "Your Service to God," "Organization" book, pages 112, 113. Family group consider methods of service used by Jesus and his disciples. In conclusion father points out how all should want to copy their methods of serving Jehovah.

15 min: "Let No Man Ever Look Down on Your Youth." (1 Tim. 4:12) Symposium using younger publishers, if available, in presenting the following material. Can be more effective if youths on program work up their own presentations and rehearse before parents or overseers. Work in appropriate local experiences, if possible.

(4 min.) Chairman draws expressions from youths in congregation on how Christian thinking and conduct on their part serve to remove any reason for others to look down on their youth. Actions around home, school and Kingdom Hall many times speak louder than words. Should be like Timothy, who was an example in many ways, "in speaking, in conduct, in love, in faith, in chasteness." —1 Tim. 4:12.

(3 min.) So as not to be looked down upon, youths' conduct in and around Kingdom Hall needs to be exemplary. Form good habits early in life. Be attentive. Have own Bible and study materials. Unnecessary trips to rest room while meeting is on can be disturbing to others as well as causing one to miss part of the program. Encourage to go to rest room before meeting starts. Kingdom Hall is not a place for running and playing before or after meetings. Playing and loud noise outside of Kingdom Hall before or after meetings may annoy neighbors and cause them to look down on congregation's youth.

(3 min.) Christian conduct in school will cause others to respect you. Reading, writing and arithmetic are good helps to prepare one for future service. Obedience to teachers, studying and paying attention in class are all important. A need to watch associations. —1 Cor. 15:33.

(3 min.) Earning respect from parents. Show deep love and respect for parents. (Eph. 6:1, 2) Christian examples of children have directed parents to truth. Appreciate what they provide for you in way of home, food, clothing and truth. Willingly and joyfully care for family responsibilities given by parents, washing dishes, mowing grass, etc. Obedience is pleasing to Jehovah and parents.—Col. 3:20.

(2 min.) Chairman. Youths' proper conduct now paves the way for future privileges of service. Brings praise to Jehovah's name, and greater respect from brothers. (Ps. 148:12, 13) Other youths in school and neighborhood, now looked down upon because of their conduct and thinking, will see good example and this may cause some to change, opening up way for witnessing and Bible studies.

17 min: Talk by presiding overseer on how much the youths are appreciated in the congregation. Commend them for their ministerial activities, meeting participation. Show from their Bible studies, return visits and placements what they are accomplishing in preaching the good news. If they have placed any subscriptions during campaign, may ask one to tell how he did it. Encourage them to keep up their fine work and learn all they can, because they may be future elders and ministerial servants, pioneers, Bethel members, missionaries, which are all fine privileges of service. Concluding comments. Song 39.

Be Industrious— *(Cont'd)*

since the magazines contain information that is vital to the people, the best arrangement for them is to be subscribers and get every issue throughout the year by mail, because they need the truth to help them to gain everlasting life.

[6] While we are on this subject, it is good to mention that if there are any publishers who do not get to the Kingdom Hall regularly because of living far away or because of infirmity, it would be good for all of those to have their own personal subscription. Thus they will always have the spiritual food coming to their home and will not have to wait for weeks sometimes before getting their spiritual nourishment at the Kingdom Hall.

[7] Satisfaction comes from being thorough in our work. Our objective in this campaign is to help people through placing the subscription. However, we have learned from practical experience that, because of many differing circumstances, not everyone will subscribe. What then? The next step could be to offer one of the small pocket-size books along with two magazines for a contribution of 35 cents. The small books do not weigh much, so it would be good to have a few copies available to offer when a subscription cannot be taken. Also, we may offer individual magazines.

[8] Another step in our industriousness would be making a record of the placement made and, wherever subscriptions cannot be obtained but some interest has been shown, an extra effort can be made to return and build up a magazine route, placing the magazine issues regularly. Eventually some on our route may become subscribers.

[9] Some weeks have passed since the start of the *Watchtower* campaign, and during that time we have been able to contact many people. Some show interest to a degree, while a few manifest much interest. Did you get any subscriptions during January? Have you called back on those new subscribers yet? It is wise, once we have kindled the fire of interest, to return before too much time passes and add fuel so there will be a larger flame of interest. Our diligence moves us to want to help the new ones to appreciate the spiritual benefits they have. We know that often people require aid to understand articles on prophecy and the deeper things that appear in *The*

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"Clean from the Blood of All Men"

AT MILETUS, on the west coast of Asia Minor, the apostle Paul met with the elders of the Ephesus congregation. In his parting words to them he said: "I know that all of you among whom I went preaching the kingdom will see my face no more. Hence I call you to witness this very day that I am clean from the blood of all men, for I have not held back from telling you all the counsel of God."—Acts 20:25-27.

The apostle Paul had no fear that he had failed in his commission to declare the "good news of the kingdom." He knew that he had used his time well, both in caring for his personal needs by working with his hands and in instructing others about God's will. He was confident that what he had taught by word and example would fully equip others to serve Jehovah as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. If any did abandon true worship, this could not be charged to Paul's account. Their blood would be upon their own heads. —Acts 20:31-35.

Can we today have the same confidence? Certainly, provided that we, like Paul, are whole-souled in doing God's will. Of course, it is appropriate for us to make sure that we are not lacking in some vital respect.

Consider Pioneer Service

Like Paul, we should have the desire to help as many persons as possible to get an accurate knowledge of the truth, and we should want to remove obstacles that could limit our activity in the ministry. You may therefore find it helpful to talk to elders in the congregation about the possibility of your entering the pioneer service. Then, too, if certain circumstances are presently limiting your participation in the field ministry, you might ask yourself: Am I in position to change my circumstances? Would it be pleasing to Jehovah if I did so? Could I increase my share in Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making and still care well for my other Scriptural responsibilities? Could I enroll as a temporary or a regular pioneer?

If possible, you would certainly want to do that. Manifestly a dedicated, baptized witness of Jehovah could not have a completely clear conscience if he knew that he could do much more in spreading the "good news" but held back from doing it. It would be difficult for him to say, "I am free from the blood of all men," if he were indifferently using up time in unnecessary pursuits, time that he could be spending in aiding others to gain an accurate knowledge of God's life-giving word.

Of course, not all can pioneer, and no one should feel inferior because his circumstances make this impossible. Jehovah God and his Son are pleased with the whole-souled service of all true Christians.

At times, however, we may think something is impossible for us and later find out that we can do it. That is why we can benefit from the example of others. What they have done may help us to see how we might enlarge our share in the work of Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making.

When considering the experiences of those who have taken up pioneer service, think of your own circumstances and determine whether you might be able to join them.

Housewives and Mothers Serving as Pioneers

Are you a housewife? Are you a mother? Many sisters serving as regular or temporary pioneers are. How do they do it?

A sister from Hawaii relates how she is able to pioneer although having three children and an unbelieving husband: "Each child has his or her own chores to care for after school. I make it a point to be home at least one hour before school is out. If I cannot reach home before the children return from school, I arrange for them to stay with their grandmother until I pick them up after field service."

Another mother serving as a pioneer in Hawaii says: "Being a pioneer, wife and mother requires many adjustments, and cooperation from all family members. I spend time in field service five days a week. On Monday I care for family matters and evenings are spent in personal study and association with my family. Since I pioneered when my children were small, this evidently influenced them to make pioneering their goal in life too. While pioneering, I had fine opportunities to get my children out in the field service more often and this strengthened them spiritually. Additionally, our relationship as parent and child was greatly improved by giving them individual attention and having companionship with them in service. Serving as a pioneer has been a protection for me, because it has helped me to become free from selfish ambitions."

From the branch in Japan comes this report: "Many of the pioneers in Japan are housewives. With a good schedule, they have little difficulty in keeping their simple homes clean. Much of the field service time they put in while the children are at school. One pioneer sister goes in service leading her three-year-old twin boys, one by each hand. Another pioneers by bicycle, with one child sitting on a seat up front, and the other on a seat at the back. Mothers with school-age children often arrange to arrive home just as the children do, and to have Bible students come to the home at that hour, or to take the children on studies with them. There may be a child in the home where the study is held. In this case the child of the pioneer may conduct a study with that child."

The branch overseer from Korea writes that housewives are among the most effective pioneers in that land. Usually they conduct more Bible studies than do the other regular pioneers. Commenting on the general circumstances of these housewives, the branch overseer writes:

"Most of the homes of the Korean brothers are very humble, consisting of just a room or two. This means less housework. However, without modern appliances, sisters must spend more time in preparing meals and shopping once or twice each day. Practically none of the sisters have washing machines. They get up early and perform their household duties so as to be in the field service by 9:00 a.m. They spend the time in the service when the rest of the family is at work or in school."

What is moving so many housewives and mothers to take up the pioneer service and find real joy in it? It is love for Jehovah God and a sincere desire to help others to find the way that leads to eternal life. Their efforts have been richly blessed. Is the same love moving you to want to do as much as you can in declaring the "good news"? Even if circumstances do not permit you to be a regular pioneer, could you share in their joys as a temporary pioneer? Does your heart impel you to want to do so because of concern for people in your territory?

A sister from Portugal, where the work of Jehovah's witnesses is banned, tells what moved her to take up temporary pioneer service: "At a circuit assembly I attended the meeting for those interested in pioneer service. The comments of the district overseer truly made me think. He said: 'When you really love someone, don't you gladly do something to show it? How are we showing our love for Jehovah? Perhaps we can do this more fully by serving as temporary pioneers.' Since I always wanted to do this, I decided to talk with my husband about it. Although I have three young children, three, five and seven years old, we worked out a schedule for my mother, who lives with us, to care for the children during one month. Although being a family with limited financial means, we decided that my fifteen-year-old sister and I, along with another elderly sister from the congregation, could serve as temporary pioneers for one month in isolated territory, as an interested couple with whom I had studied moved to this area and offered us accommodations."

Were the efforts of this sister and those who shared with her in temporary pioneer service rewarded? She continues: "What a wonderful time we enjoyed! Can you imagine our joy to have people come seeking us at the home where we stayed, saying: 'I brought these neighbors of mine to hear what you told me, as they were not at home when you called yesterday'? During that month of temporary pioneer service, we talked to hundreds of people, right on the streets and roads, about the marvelous blessings of God's kingdom. We had the privilege tc start nine Bible studies during this time. Several days ago I was happy to receive a letter from one of the ladies with whom I started a study. In part, the letter reads: 'My dear friend, the more I learn about God's Word, the more I thank God for having sent you to my home. Every day my husband reads a little from the books you left and is very interested in knowing more about God's purposes.' "

Family Cooperation Helps

As in the case of this Portuguese sister who was aided to serve as a temporary pioneer because of her mother's willingness to care for the children for a month, many others have been able to pioneer with the help of family cooperation.

In the Philippines many brothers do farming. When planting and harvesting are in progress, they are very busy. But when this work is finished, many share in temporary pioneering. One overseer reports that the family members take turns in doing so. Have you ever given consideration to what you might do to help various members of the family be temporary pioneers at different times of the year?

One of the reasons why there are many pioneers in Korea compared with the number of publishers is family cooperation. The branch overseer observes: "Many family groups cooperate so that one or more members of the family can pioneer. Most Koreans marry and raise families. It is rare to see someone choose singleness. Nevertheless, after marriage and the family has been started, the couple often try to arrange things so that one of them can pioneer. This has happened more often when the couple operate a small shop together, rather than when the husband works for another employer. Jobs are scarce and when one has a job working for an employer it usually means twelve or more hours a day, every day."

Regarding family cooperation, a brother serving in Portugal writes: "My wife and I rise every morning, following the schedule of the Bethel family, and from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. my wife gets much of the housework done, meals prepared, and so forth. Both of the boys have regular assigned duties, such as making their beds, keeping their room in order and, at mealtimes, one sets the table, while the other does much of the shopping. Many times during our pioneer career, good-paying jobs were offered, almost invariably when we encountered some financial problem. I have been offered excellent paying salaries in Switzerland and France. Why, just the other day a local jeweler asked me to work for him at a fine salary. As a family, we are very happy with the necessities of life and are gladly following the excellent counsel found in Matthew 6:19-21."

Truly, when various members of the family share the work load, this makes extra time available, time that may be enough for at least one member of the family to be able to pioneer. Would this not be a blessed result from family cooperation?

Sacrifices May Have to Be Made

Often those desiring to pioneer need something more than family cooperation. They may also have to change their circumstances to free them for pioneer service. An overseer in Nagoya, Japan, left a full-time job to care for a milk delivery route, beginning at 5:00 a.m. This leaves him ample time to care for his wife and child as well as to pioneer during the remainder of the day. The head surgical nurse at Fukuyama Hospital was able to switch to part-time nursing in another hospital so that she could be a temporary pioneer from the time of her baptism until she qualified to be a regular pioneer. There are a number of young doctors who work one or two days at the hospital to supply their material needs, and spend the rest of their time in pioneer service. Some chemists also use their practicing licenses to do just a little part-time work to support themselves in the pioneer service. Other pioneers earn enough money to support themselves at jobs that people do not normally want to take, such as early morning newspaper deliveries, cleaning bowling alleys and offices. Sometimes two pioneers have taken one full-time job between them.

In Hawaii a couple with two children sold a chicken farm and moved to another island to pioneer while their children were young. They expressed their feelings in this way: "Pioneering as an example to our children was the best heritage we could give them." The father drove a school bus and did carpenter work part time to sustain the family financially, while he served as presiding overseer and as a regular pioneer. During the summer months the children served as temporary pioneers with their parents.

Another brother from Hawaii states: "My appreciation for the pioneer work came when my wife and two sons became pioneers. I had a good position with the telephone company for many years and, after twenty years with the company, decided to take early retirement, took on a part-time job and applied for regular pioneer service. Jehovah has richly blessed our efforts in full-time service. My two sons are now serving in Brooklyn Bethel, and I enjoy the companionship of my wife in the pioneer work."

A couple in Portugal with a nine-year-old daughter learned the truth and felt so indebted to Jehovah that they made their goal the pioneer service. However, this would not be easy, since, in addition to the daughter, the wife's parents had to be cared for as well as an eighty-year-old aunt. Not quickly deterred, the couple figured out the value of all their material possessions. Since they owned the apartment, they decided to turn this into an asset by renting it out. Thus their home would become a stepping-stone to pioneer service rather than a hindrance. The rent received would greatly help to offset other expenses. Since they owned some property, it was decided to sell this now and use the income toward pioneer expenses.

No sooner had they completed their plans than the foreign company where the husband was employed strongly urged him to continue, offering him a promotion. Relatives also brought pressure to bear, trying to fill the couple with fear about the uncertainty of the future. However, they held to their decision. Just three years after their dedication, they are enjoying many blessings in the special pioneer service. The couple are conducting a total of thirty home Bible studies. Their steadfastness in putting Kingdom interests first has also helped to move nine members of the immediate family to dedicate their lives to Jehovah God.

Truly, those who have given up material things to devote themselves more fully to advance Kingdom interests as pioneers have been richly blessed. A husband and wife, both of whom gave up good-paying jobs to become pioneers, commented: "The past four years have been the happiest, the most blessed and gratifying years of our life, serving Jehovah as pioneers. There are no regrets, for we have been both spiritually and materially blessed."

After considering your own circumstances, what do you think? Is pioneering for you? Can you adjust your circumstances and get by with less materially? Would it be possible to work together as a family so that at least one member could be a regular pioneer? Or, might it be possible, through family cooperation, for various family members to take turns in sharing in temporary pioneer service?

If, after prayerful consideration, you see the possibility of enlarging your participation in the field ministry as a regular or a temporary pioneer, why not set a date to start, and work toward that end?

As devoted servants of Jehovah God we certainly want to use time wisely in these "last days." When we are whole-souled in our service to Jehovah, we can rest assured of his blessing. Like the apostle Paul, we will be able to say, "I am clean from the blood of all men."

Branch Letter *(Cont'd)*

Our message is urgent. This is something to think about, don't you agree? Jehovah's requirement that our service be whole-souled has not changed.

How are we doing in Bible study activity? The number of studies conducted by special pioneers, regular and temporary pioneers as well as by congregation publishers has dropped off. In 1971 we regularly had 304,188 studies; now the report shows 268,648. That means that there are 35,540 fewer home Bible studies conducted each month than during the first three months of the previous service year. Time spent in the field service is one factor that definitely affects this work, does it not? Only by spending time in the field service are we going to reach people. Only by our talking to them and offering to study with them will we get studies started, and it is by this means that people come to an accurate knowledge of the truth.

It is true that much good work is being done in the field ministry, and many brothers and sisters are pouring themselves out in Jehovah's service. We appreciate all that is being done. But it is good for us to analyze what we ourselves are doing in the field service. If we personally were doing more last year than this year, why? Are we doing all that we can? Can we buy out more time for this urgent work? As congregations, can we stimulate greater zeal for the field ministry? Can more go into pioneer service? The time left in which to share in field service activity is limited. Now is the time to give it our earnest attention.

Soon we will be gathering for the "Divine Victory" International Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses. We eagerly anticipate it. But let's remember that it is by increased activity in the field service now that we can aid more to gather with us then, to Jehovah's praise.

We pray that Jehovah's blessing will be with all of you as you keep in mind our service theme for February: "Do not beg off from industriousness down to the end."

Your brothers,

Brooklyn Branch Office

Making Your Family Study Fill the Need

1 Parents, would you like to see your children take more of an interest in the family Bible study? Children, would you like to look forward to each family study with anticipation? Much depends on the subject to be studied and how the family head views the study.

2 It would be good for the family head to ask himself: "Is the study material appropriate to the needs of my family?" To be considered in conducting the family study are the ages and interests of the children. Consider these factors so that the children really take an interest. Or, perhaps some problem that has arisen in the family could become a topic for the study.

3 Some of the subjects that might be discussed at this time could be the holidays that are coming up. In the case of families with children in school, the study might be conducted so the principles having to do with the flag salute issue or the proper view toward sports and bad associations are made clear. It would be fine, too, to consider what the Bible says about respect for adults and how young Christians should conduct themselves in the school classrooms and the Kingdom Hall. Very helpful also would be to teach children to apply Scriptural principles concerning proper grooming and clothing styles. Parents could take advantage of the time to instill in their children the proper view toward dating and drugs.

4 In all cases it is the course of wisdom to have material planned for the study. Do not just put things off and think that all will work out as the studies progress. One brother said of his family study when young: "We used to take a chapter in a book, regardless of what the subject may have been. Dad didn't put it into language that we could understand so we lost interest in the study because of not being able to grasp the information or understand the principles involved." True, it will take forethought and considerable research on the part of the family head. He should ask himself what

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Watchtower, and that is where we have to be on the job. To prevent their losing interest in the magazines because of being unable to understand everything, our presence at their home is vital. If we talk to them about the magazines they are getting, they may bring up points they wish clarified.

10 Some, we may find, will not have taken the magazine out of the wrapper yet. A good way to benefit them is to talk about an interesting point you learned through reading the latest issue and inquire if they received their copy. This will be doing a good service to them to get them started on reading, for we know that unopened magazines do not benefit the people.

11 Winter has its bad weather, with some problems in getting about in the territory, but these same travel problems affect the people who have shown interest and often cause them to spend more time at home. So winter has its advantages too. Farm people may have more time to read and it may be the best season of the year for you to begin Bible studies. If they will study the *Truth* book with us it will aid them better to understand the *Watchtower* articles. Do not miss out on the advantages of wintertime for Bible study work. In very good weather, too, it will be easier for you to be busy in the service if you have Bible studies.

12 Many are the benefits coming from industriousness. For those we meet in the field ministry, there is the opportunity of gaining everlasting life. For us who are diligent, there is the assurance that God does not forget our work, that it is not in vain but that we will inherit the promises.—1 Cor. 15:58.

Announcements

◆ The April 15 *Watchtower* and April 8 and 22 issues of *Awake!* will be special ones. Order your extra copies now.

◆ If you have run out of the older 50-cent books to offer with subscriptions, please communicate with nearby congregations to see if you can get a few from their stock. We hope that all of them will be placed before May 1. All available stock at Brooklyn has been depleted.

◆ The February 22 issue of *Awake!* contains a series of articles featuring the subject "What Is Happening to Religion in 'The Bible Belt'?" It is designed particularly to reach sincere Baptists and Methodists. Do you live in an area where special use could be made of it? If so, we encourage you to order an additional supply now and to distribute it freely.

◆ New publications available:
Listening to the Great Teacher —French
Is the Bible Really the Word of God? —Hungarian
Organization for Kingdom-preaching and Disciple-making —Portuguese

◆ Out of stock in U.S.A.:
"The Kingdom Is at Hand" —English
"Let Your Name Be Sanctified" —English

◆ After February 1, 1973, congregations may begin ordering the *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1972. The Index is 10c. The Society also has a good stock of 1971 Indexes.

Question Box

• Can congregations with one or two elders get the help of elders from nearby congregations that have numerous elders?

Sometimes circuit overseers observe that one congregation has many elders while another congregation has only one elder, so some help could be used. The circuit overseer may make the need known to the congregation where there are many elders, but then it is up to the body of elders there to consider their own needs for elders to conduct studies and take care of the congregation activities. There is no reason for an elder to travel to another territory if he is needed where he is now. If they believe that it will not work a hardship in their congregation for an elder to go to work with a nearby congregation that has a real need of older brothers, they can discuss the matter among themselves and see whether anyone among them wishes to travel to the nearby congregation.

Any elder considering such service should take into account what this would mean to himself spiritually and physically and how it would affect his family's interests. He may wish to see how they feel about it. How much time would be required to go there and what are the traveling conditions and expenses involved in going from his home to the territory of the nearby congregation? He should take into consideration the hours when the other congregation has their meetings. He will be wise to give such a matter his prayerful consideration.

If, after such consideration of matters, someone is found to be available to serve with the nearby congregation, the presiding overseer may communicate with the nearby congregation to let them know that there is an elder who is willing to serve with them regularly. Upon receiving the information, if the brothers representing the nearby congregation wish to meet and discuss matters with the available elder they may do so. Then if they would like to have him serving with them they should send their recommendation of the brother to the Governing Body, asking that he be appointed to serve as an elder in their congregation, explaining the circumstances in the letter. When the recommendation is approved, the elder may serve in the new congregation and his name will be deleted from the list of elders of his former congregation.

NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	784	142.7	59.7	5.5	138.8
Pios.	14,469	97.3	40.3	3.3	95.7
Temp. Pios.	5,696	83.0	28.2	1.5	82.2
Pubs.	403,393	9.5	4.7	.5	12.4
TOTAL	424,342				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,349

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1973
460,063 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN NOVEMBER?

There were 424,342 proclaimers of the good news active during November, and they did good work. We were offering the "Paradise—Theocracy" book that month, and 641,537 books were placed. Bible study work showed some increase—up 6,379 from October's report—and that is good to see. Wherever interest is found, it is beneficial to tell them about our free home Bible study service. But to reach people we must spend time; the hours dropped off again in November. With careful planning, can we improve in February?

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

Are You Overlooking an Important Field?

¹ These days in many congregations the territory is worked quite frequently. This is good because it provides an opportunity to meet different members of the household, who may react in various ways to the good news. But are you overlooking someone? If, for example, a twelve-year-old boy answers the door, what is your reaction? Do you say, 'Is your mother at home?' Perhaps the boy's mother has been witnessed to many times, but has the boy ever heard the good news of the Kingdom or about the Paradise earth that is to come?

² There is a wonderful field open to us among the young people and many of them respond well to the good news. Why not give a testimony that you feel will appeal to the young person? You may not find it practical to make the subscription offer. But most young people these days have a little money and it may be possible to place a 25-cent book such as the *Great Teacher* book or the *Truth* book. Many teen-agers would find the *Word of God* or *Evolution* books very interesting. If a young person will listen, give a testimony and open up the opportunity for this fellow human to learn of Jehovah's wonderful promises. One can always ask to speak to parents after conversing with a youth.

³ On school holidays publishers will often find the children at home. One sister in Pennsylvania reported working a street with four homes on it and at each home one of the youngsters came to the door. She told the youngsters about Jehovah's promises and placed a book at each of the four homes. Notation was made so a return visit could be arranged. Some of the young people are glad to have a Bible study. Also, on return visits parents and other members of the family are contacted, so the witness reaches all. It is reported from New York state that, in two instances where studies were commenced with a youth, the end result was that the entire family are now in the truth.

⁴ It is good to have a positive attitude toward the youths. Although they may have long hair, wear odd clothing or sometimes show an attitude of disenchantment with the present system of things and its injustices, often they like to enter into a conversation and discuss things. Some will respond favorably to the good news of the Kingdom and be glad to see that there is a hope for the human family, which is just what they have been seeking deep down inside. Reports come from all around the world about young people who have been pleased to hear the good news. Some of the "hippies" show great appreciation for the Society's publications and the Kingdom hope, and today there are many former "hippies" who have become dedicated Kingdom publishers and some are in the pioneer service.

⁵ You will find the field service even more interesting if you prepare yourself to present the good news in language that will be understood by youths of varying ages, and your joy will be great as you see some of them respond favorably to the good news you present.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ On December 23 an earthquake virtually demolished Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, but not the Society's branch office and missionary home. Some brothers were injured, but none were killed. Brothers in El Salvador, Costa Rica and Honduras have provided relief supplies, and the Society has sent funds to aid in obtaining necessities. Witnesses outside Managua opened their homes to care for their brothers.

◆ The Netherlands reports a new peak of 652 regular pioneers, to compare with 493 last year.

◆ The report from Japan shows 24 percent of all publishers there in the pioneer service. Total pioneers: 3,590; regular pioneers exceeded 2,000 for the first time. Total publishers reached 15,126 for the 64th consecutive peak.

◆ Good progress is reported on Society's new factory in Lagos, Nigeria. Two printing presses have arrived, to be used in printing some magazines there.

Making Your Family Study (*Cont'd*)

his family needs. Is it a situation that arises at school, recreational problems or direction needed in associations? Allow enough time to explain the material being considered. It is not necessary to cover a chapter or a full article each time.

⁵ It is not always possible to have every study apply directly to every individual. What is true of an eighteen-year-old may not be true of an eight-year-old, yet the principles can be applied to all, young and old, so as to hold interest in the study. This can be done whether the subject be associations, appearance, recreation, conduct at school or at work. The family head should inform the family in advance what material from the Society's publications will be considered. Perhaps several questions could be propounded to build up interest in the coming study. This will give all a chance to think about and prepare the subject for the next study.

⁶ Since the family study is based on the Bible, it is important to use the Bible freely during the study. Letting each member of the family have an opportunity to take part by looking up and reading aloud the texts will be a stimulus to them and will familiarize them with the use of the Bible. After scriptures have been read, make a thorough examination of them. Reason on the points outlined in the texts and apply them. This will make the study of real practical value to all the family. It is most satisfying to have the right answer when and where it is needed. In the field ministry, at school, at the local grocery store or on the job, if you know what to say and do at the right time it is very rewarding. Many are able to do so because they made certain that their study filled the needs of their family.

⁷ It is true that in many Christian homes one of the parents is not in the truth. If the father is a believer and the mother is not, it will be easier for the Christian man to take the lead in studying with his children. Where the mother is a believer and the father is not, there will be need for discretion. While the Christian woman has need of being in subjection to her husband, even though he may not be a fearer of God, yet this need not stifle the training of children in accord with Bible principles. If discretion is used, a mother can do much in the way of training her children in Jehovah's laws during a time of the day that lends itself best for the family study. Whatever your family circumstances may be, it is imperative to have a family study, and to have one that will fill the need.

★ **Know the contents of each magazine.** ★

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KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MARCH 1973 "But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5. VOL. XVI NO. 3

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

One of the big questions that Jehovah's witnesses everywhere are asking is, How are our brothers and sisters who fled from Malawi?

Perhaps you read news reports about the critical conditions in the refugee camp at Sinda Misale. Later dispatches declared that, under the supervision of UN representatives, the Witnesses had "willingly" been returned to their villages in Malawi. Are these reports true? Where are those brothers now? And what happened to the ones who fled into Mozambique?

It has now been possible to interview hundreds of these brothers, and a detailed report is being published in the March 8 issue of *Awake!* They have undergone severe hardships, and these are not over. But Jehovah has sustained them, and the majority have maintained their integrity despite everything that Satan has brought against them.—John 14:30.

The treatment to which our brothers in Malawi have been subjected is something that the world ought to know. This provides good opportunity to set before them again our Scriptural position toward involvement in the political affairs of the nations and to let them know that our support goes *only* to Jehovah God and his kingdom in the hands of Jesus Christ. *Awake!* sets forth the issues clearly.

The Society believes that a fine witness can be given, to Jehovah's honor, by getting this March 8 issue of *Awake!* into the hands of public officials and news editors everywhere. Who is willing to have a part in the work?

A special letter outlining how it is to be done will be sent to each congregation. The activity should be coordinated by the field overseer in cooperation with the presiding overseer. In order to get the work under way, we encourage each congregation to estimate how many additional copies of the magazine will be needed for special distribution to officials and for house-to-house work. Then send off your order by airmail right away.

This will be a big job. But with concerted effort a grand witness can be accomplished.

May Jehovah bless you all as, by your zeal in his work, you show that you truly are living in accord with his purpose in delivering his people.

Your fellow servants,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Living According to God's Purpose in Delivering Us

1 It is good to know that we are still living in the "day of salvation." The apostle Paul wrote to Christians when that day for Christians was in its early 'hours': "Working together with [God], we also entreat you not to accept the undeserved kindness of God and miss its purpose. For he says: 'In an acceptable time I heard you, and in a day of salvation I helped you.' Look! Now is the especially acceptable time. Look! Now is the day of salvation."—2 Cor. 6:1, 2.

2 That "day of salvation" is more than 1,900 years advanced and it now nears its conclusion. But its being still in effect gives us yet a short time to prove our own integrity to Jehovah's sovereignty by clean living and right works. We also can build ourselves up for the stresses to come as we get very close to the ending of God's "acceptable time."

3 God is providing this "acceptable" time, not merely for us who are now Jehovah's witnesses, but also for others whose lives are in imminent danger. Here is further opportunity for us to prove our devotion and love. For we show genuine love for Jehovah when we demonstrate love for our fellowman by bringing him the good news. In many cases it means 'putting ourselves out,' but are we not glad someone has done that very thing for us?

4 The month of March is filled with opportunities for helping those who manifest interest in God's purposes. An outstanding feature is the special public talk, "How Resurrection Benefits All the Dead in Hell," to be delivered at all Kingdom Halls on Sunday, March 25. Invite people to the talk. Their attention should be aroused by the striking title of the talk, with the words "resurrection" and "hell" in the same sentence. All who attend the special talk should also be invited to attend the Memorial on April 17.

5 In addition to each one of us sharing fully in the field ministry during March and April, let us make a special effort to help new ones with whom we have been studying and who qualify to begin sharing in the public ministry.

6 This third month of the subscription campaign is a good time to review your possibilities for obtaining subscriptions. It may be that you have the names of several who promised to subscribe. Be sure to call back on them as you continue to share fully in the house-to-house work.

7 As you sincerely present the subscription offer, honest-hearted ones will see the value of the magazines. Even with rising costs, a year's subscription can still be provided at the amazingly low cost of $1.50. Spiritually hungry ones count this as nothing compared to the comfort and enlightenment received.

8 In the closing 'hours' of God's "day of salvation," it is indeed a happy time to be alive, spending our lives according to God's purpose. May we assist many others to share this happiness and walk with us in the way to everlasting life before Jehovah closes the "acceptable time" and begins his day of wrath.

★ **Living according to God's purpose in delivering us.** ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING MARCH 11

12 min: Song 18. Introduction, text and comments. Discussion of Branch Letter by field overseer.

3 min: Accounts Report.

13 min: "Living According to God's Purpose in Delivering Us." Using article in "Kingdom Ministry," group discuss how they plan to enlarge their ministerial privileges during remainder of March and in April.

20 min: "Organization" book, p. 113, par. 3, to p. 116, par. 2. Questions, with answers from audience. Highlight the scriptures cited in support and illustration of points made.

12 min: Concluding comments. Discuss briefly congregation report for February and encourage all to consider how they might increase time devoted to the field ministry during March and April. Are some new ones ready to begin field service? Can more be temporary pioneers? Song 21.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 18

10 min: Song 27. Introduction, text and comments. Theocratic News.

18 min: "Let the Magazines Help You to Preach." Questions and answers. Interview several publishers who have good success in placing magazines. Have them tell briefly how and when they do it.

20 min: "Organization" book, p. 116, par. 3, to p. 120, par. 4. The brother handling this part may want to consider the sections in this portion by interviewing brothers looking after the literature and territory for the congregation, also one or two book study conductors. If this is not convenient, the part may be handled by a talk or by questions and answers.

12 min: Concluding comments. Encourage all to participate fully in Jehovah's service by imitating the Master, Christ Jesus. Use highlights of his ministry as discussed in January 1, 1973, "Watchtower." Song 51.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 25

8 min: Song 28. Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: "Organization" book, p. 121, par. 1, to p. 124, par. 4. Questions and answers from audience. May take material by sections so as to emphasize following points: Reasons for revisits (p. 121, pars. 1-4); reasons for home Bible studies and how to start them (p. 121, par. 5, to p. 122, par. 1); method of conducting studies (p. 122, par 2); building proper qualities in disciples (p. 123, par. 1, to p. 124, par. 1) and developing heart appreciation (p. 124, pars. 2-4).

16 min: Making a Personal Examination. (To be handled by or in cooperation with field overseer.) All publishers invited to reflect back over the past year to see what has been personally accomplished in the field ministry as the activity of the congregation for the past year is briefly considered. Nationally there have been fewer hours devoted to the field ministry during the past service year in comparison to the previous year, even with more publishers sharing in the preaching work. And hours continue to be slightly lower so far this service year. Why?

Could it be that some of us have had a little difficulty doing our best without goals being stressed or special efforts being made to help us to get out in field service and to report each month? Now that there is less checking of records to see who have not reported and what we are doing in preaching, we are put more on our own, are we not? It puts us to the test as to what we will do without someone urging us regularly to share in the field service.

As we individually think about what we have been able to do during the past year, likely some fine blessings will be recalled. Our own hours may not have dropped off but may actually have increased. We may now have a Bible study. These are causes for rejoicing. But where we find room for improvement, we will want to put forth the effort needed to refine our schedules or show more love and zeal for Jehovah's service. We may find that our hours have decreased without real cause and perhaps, if a study was discontinued, added effort could enable us to replace it with another one. Or, if we have never conducted a study, it may be possible to start one now as we continue without letup, looking to Jehovah to bless us.

It is good to examine our own activity from time to time and draw our own conclusions about what has been accomplished and what might be improved. In coming months, will it be possible to spend more time in the field service? You may find that you can be a temporary pioneer during April. Each one can make his own analysis without making comparisons with another.

The field overseer can begin preparing for this part several weeks in advance. (Your congregation may be doing fine, and new ones coming in. If so, this discussion can be adjusted in harmony with local circumstances.) The Publisher's Record cards should be posted through February. The congregation can be told that the field overseer will be at a particular location in the Kingdom Hall after the meeting and if anyone wishes to see his Publisher's Record card, he may do so. This may be helpful to some in reflecting on what has been accomplished and what might be done to improve their personal ministry. (If the congregation is large, he may need assistance in distributing the cards and collecting them again.)

Good work is being done and the publishers should be encouraged, but as we finish up the preaching of this good news and the gathering of the remaining ones of the Lord's "sheep," we do not want to slow down. Wherever we can, we want to speed up the witness, because the time is short.

16 min: Concluding comments. Discuss the prospects of having new ones we have been studying with to join us in the field service during April. They will particularly enjoy placing the special magazines in April. Help them to see their responsibility to share in Kingdom-preaching as they otherwise progress toward dedication and baptism. Remind publishers to turn in field service reports. Song 52.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 1

12 min: Song 36. Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: "Organization" book, p. 124, par. 5, to p. 128, par. 2. Symposium by two brothers if available. First talk: "Helping Interested Ones to Advance" (p. 124, par. 5, to p. 125, par. 3). Second talk: "Reports and Why They Are Helpful" (p. 126, par. 1, to p. 128, par. 2). Emphasize the reasons for and the proper view of reporting.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News." Discuss and demonstrate suggested presentations.

13 min: Concluding comments. Include discussion of Question Box and announcements on page 3 that apply. Encourage temporary pioneering for April. Song 38.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 8

10 min: Song 88. Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: "Organization" book, p. 128, par. 3, to p. 132, par. 2. Talk, with audience reading some Bible texts cited. Emphasize need to impress on interested person's mind and heart that it is part of true worship, part of the WAY of life to follow the principles outlined in God's Word. Vital for our worship to be acceptable to Jehovah. Information under "Reasons for Joyful Confidence" will be very encouraging if properly presented to the brothers.

18 min: "Encouraging All to Attend the Lord's Evening Meal." Questions and answers.

12 min: Concluding comments. Discuss what congregation was able to do in field ministry during March and plans made to make April a fine month. Song 47.

Let the Magazines Help You to Preach

1 How much can you tell a person about the Kingdom while standing on his doorstep? If you can speak with him for several minutes, this is fine. But, if you can also leave at least two magazines for reading later, think how much more is accomplished. The magazines can be "preaching" while you are busy reaching still others.

2 Obviously, the more magazines we place, the more the magazines help us to preach. And the more time we spend in magazine distribution, the more placements will be made. Have you reviewed your personal arrangements lately for sharing in this work?

3 Do you have definite arrangements for magazine service? Leaving things to chance seldom produces as good results. You may be able regularly to support the congregation's magazine day, and if so, this is fine. But, suppose you cannot go out on this particular day. If you took the initiative to invite others, there is a good possi-

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Encouraging All to Attend the Lord's Evening Meal

1 The celebration of the Lord's Evening Meal is a most important occasion. It is not just another yearly meeting, nor merely a memorial of an event. Jesus said: "Keep doing this in remembrance of *me*." (Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24) It is a calling to mind of Jesus Christ as a *person*. It concerns what he did and what he is now. It is a recognition that he is alive and active today, in the kingship and glory that resulted from his faithful course and sacrifice. As its Head he is directing the affairs and activities of the Christian congregation. We are concerned with Jesus' sacrifice and his position in God's purpose—how these things affect us. The Lord's Evening Meal provides opportunity to consider where we stand in Jehovah's arrangement.

2 God is highly concerned that all his Christian witnesses respect the occasion and be on hand for this observance. This fact impresses us, particularly the shepherds in the congregation, with the urgency of seeing that all who associate with the congregation be encouraged and helped to attend.

3 To this end it would be good for the elders to arrange for the brothers to reach all persons in the congregation's territory who are known to have some interest, or who have attended in the past. For the most part these would be persons known to the various publishers. Each book study group could survey the matter in their area and see that these persons are called on. In addition, the *Watchtower* subscribers could be given a special invitation.

4 What can be said to appeal to interested persons, aside from offering the printed invitations? For one thing, they may have never been inside a Kingdom Hall. Also they may not understand why they should be there, particularly if they are not members of a congregation of Jehovah's witnesses. And interested ones may not see the full reason why those not having heavenly hopes should be there.

5 Therefore it may be helpful to mention to some that they will not be expected to participate in any formalism or ritual. There is no emotional display. The Kingdom Hall serves Bible educational purposes and is accordingly not decorated with images, crosses, altars, candles, and so forth. Explain that the Memorial of his death is the only celebration *commanded* by

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DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	746	146.0	60.3	5.6	139.5
Pios.	14,329	92.1	37.9	3.2	93.4
Temp. Pios.	4,950	81.6	26.0	1.4	75.7
Pubs.	401,870	9.4	4.6	.5	12.4
TOTAL	421,895				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 5,086

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1973
460,063 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN DECEMBER?

There were 6,785,762 magazines placed in December, resulting in an increase in the average placed by publishers, from 11.6 a year ago to 12.4. In December we were featuring the Bible and the "Word of God" book. A total of 717,499 Bibles and books was placed. What a fine witness was given by distributing all this literature! And with all these placements, think of the opportunities you have for return visits and offering to study the Bible with interested ones.

There were 9,388 more publishers this December than last December, which is good to see. But the hours were somewhat less; this continues to need our attention.

Let the Magazines Help You (*Cont'd*)

bility that you would find at least one or two other publishers who would join you at another time in the magazine work. Magazine distribution is appropriate on any day of the week.

4 It is suggested that the field overseer review the congregation's arrangements for magazine distribution to see if any adjustments are advisable; also to see what can be done to encourage more to share in magazine distribution. If some cannot fit magazine service into their schedule otherwise, a portion of their regular house-to-house witnessing could be devoted to working with magazines only.

5 In many congregations magazine day is on Saturday, but if some have shifted their house-to-house work with the regular offer to Saturday, then Sunday might be used effectively for magazine day.

6 What about additional opportunities for placing magazines? If you are alert to possibilities throughout the week, hardly a day will go by without your placing copies where they can begin to "preach" instead of accumulating at home. There are friends, relatives and tradesmen who visit. You usually are going places too: to the store, to your job, to visit others. Why not take magazines with you? *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* are available in many languages. A householder's accepting them often depends on your having them in the right language. Do not let any opportunity go by. In the short time remaining, let us preach with added zeal and urgency, and place the magazines so that they can help us to preach!

1973 International Assembly

The number of brothers interested in attending the conventions in Honolulu, Hawaii, and San Juan, Puerto Rico, in September and October has been overwhelming. The Society has arranged for additional charter flights, and the majority who applied have been accommodated. But these flights are now filled, and no more planes will be chartered. The reason is that our assembly locations in Honolulu and San Juan will be more than filled. We feel that it would not be fair to the local brothers to bring so many delegates from abroad that the local publishers could not get seats at their own assemblies. We suggest that any who are making their own travel arrangements plan to go to international assemblies in other places that will be less crowded.

Assembly in El Salvador

In view of the earthquake in Managua and the subsequent evacuation of most of the city, there will not be an international assembly there in 1973, as was earlier planned. But arrangements are being made for an assembly for Central America nearby in San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, from December 18 to 23. If you are scheduled to be on one of the Society's tours to this area, in due time the Society's Travel Desk will write to you about changes in travel arrangements.

Announcements

◆ Literature offer for May: *Paradise—Theocracy!* book, with a booklet, for 50c. June: *New World Translation* and *Great Teacher* book, for $1.25. Interest might also be created in the large-print edition of the *New World Translation, The Kingdom Interlinear Translation, Aid to Bible Understanding* or *"Make Sure of All Things; Hold Fast to What Is Fine." Is the Bible Really the Word of God?* might be offered, where this seems appropriate. Congregations should not overstock on items such as the large-print edition of the Bible and the *Aid* book.

◆ On Monday, March 5, 1973, there will be no arrangement for tours in the Bethel home and factory because of the graduation of the Gilead class. On Saturday, April 14, the Bethel home and factory will be closed for spring cleaning, so there will be no tours on that day either.

◆ The Society's stock of older books has been reduced. Orders for single copies will continue to be filled, but we will no longer fill large orders to be given free with subscriptions. Congregations may wish to obtain older books from nearby congregations or use three booklets as a premium. Please try to distribute these older books during this *Watchtower* campaign.

◆ The Society now has a good stock of the 2nd edition of *The Bible in Living English*. On the congregation's next literature order you may order the copies that you requested on the survey taken during August.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

With the Subscription Offer

1 Many are finding the opening articles in *The Watchtower* during the campaign very helpful in presenting the subscription offer. They are about the qualities of Jehovah, and it is just natural for us to talk about our God, is it not?

2 You will likely find other articles in *The Watchtower* that you can feature enthusiastically in presenting the subscription offer. Check each issue to see what might appeal to people in your territory. It is important to have some definite points in mind to talk about. These can be woven around the suggested theme of "Getting to Know God," or another of your choice.

3 The April 15 issue of *The Watchtower* will be a special issue, featuring the subject "How Resurrection Benefits All the Dead in Hell." You and many interested ones will hear this interestingly discussed in the public talk on March 25, but since it will be in *The Watchtower*, you will be able to give this attention-getting and heart-cheering information to others.

4 How can you approach people on this subject? Well, if you find that a person believes in hellfire, or wants to know something about the subject, you could ask, "Do you think that hell will ever be done away with?" Or, when you present the article, the householder may express a fundamentalist belief in a "burning hell" or he may reply with the commonly held idea that we have our "hell here on earth." Whatever view is expressed, you will be able to point to the Bible's clarification on this subject of hell.

5 You might ask the householder if he remembers Jesus' words that he has the "keys of death and of hell." (Rev. 1:17, 18, *Douay*) If Jesus opens hell, as this scripture implies, will this bring back the worst kind of people, making our earth an even more dangerous place to live? After establishing that the "hell" in this case is the common grave of mankind, we can point to John 5:26-29. While there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked, never again will Jehovah allow the wicked to take over this earth. True, God has mercifully arranged for billions to come forth in the resurrection. But they will be under the control of his Messianic kingdom. Rebellious ones will not be permitted to harm others. Ask the householder if he is not thrilled at the prospect of seeing loved ones lost in death brought back into such a fine world.

6 Depending upon dominant attitudes in your territory, you will be able to adapt your comments so as to be most effective. Be positive in presenting the subscription offer. Many are finding that people will accept the double subscription for $3.00 just as readily as the single subscription. Why not try it? The magazines bring life-giving information.

Encouraging All to Attend (*Cont'd*)

Christ. It is the only day for special observance. For this reason all who believe in worship of God should be concerned.

6 But the important thing is, Why this command? And what does the Memorial signify? Why should we want to attend? Because it has to do with our very lives. It has to do with our hope of world peace and of life in happiness in such a world. Regardless of who we are, Christ is our Purchaser and Owner by reason of his ransom sacrifice. He is our Judge. (John 5:21, 22) He is no longer a mere human, but a mighty spirit person, *Lord* and *King*, and his government is going to have complete charge of the earth in the very near future. We are certainly concerned about the government that rules us. Where are we going to stand in the sight of our Owner, Judge and King?

7 The benefits of Christ's sacrifice will soon be applied in actually healing the diseases of all obedient persons. So all persons who believe in God should attend to get a better, deeper understanding and to know how we can receive his sacrificial benefits. In the annual observance of this occasion by Jehovah's witnesses on the evening of April 17 this year, a speaker will explain the meaning of the Lord's Evening Meal and its significance in our lives today. The Bible account at Luke 22:19, 20 is followed closely in use of the bread and wine—a simple but meaningful ceremony.

8 Out of love for God and his Son we will attend the Lord's Evening Meal, and out of love for others we will aid those who may not realize its importance.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ M. G. Henschel, serving as zone overseer in Asia, was privileged to give encouraging discourses to 150 in Lahore, Pakistan, 396 in Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and 765 in Bombay, India.

◆ Brother D. Sinclair, serving as zone overseer in the Caribbean, spoke to large groups of brothers including 1,663 in Trinidad, 2,709 in Guadeloupe, 8,151 in Puerto Rico and 2,674 in the Dominican Republic.

◆ District assembly in Thailand had peak attendance of 675, while 428 shared in field service during December. In Vietnam 86 reported service, but 149 attended a district assembly and 9 were baptized.

◆ Liberia reports two district assemblies having combined attendance of 2,461, with 65 baptized. November saw a peak of 841 publishers in the country.

◆ Australian branch began printing the "Watchtower" and "Awake!" magazines in their enlarged plant with the January issues to give better service to the brothers there and in neighboring countries.

Question Box

● When funds are needed to assist brothers in disaster areas or for special purchases requiring more money than is presently on hand, how should the matter be handled in the congregation?

Paul made known to the congregations their privilege to minister materially in behalf of the brothers in Jerusalem when famine conditions became severe there, but, of course, he did not specify how much individuals or congregations should give. —1 Cor. 16:1-3; 2 Cor. 9:5-7.

In the case of a disaster, brothers in that general area, since they are in the best position to help, may individually desire to contribute funds, food, clothing and other items needed, with the elders coordinating the efforts. If the elders of these and other congregations deem it appropriate to make a contribution, and funds in the cash account are limited, the need could be presented to the congregation. A separate contribution box might be set up for this purpose. Or, a recommendation could be presented (for approval by the congregation) that the funds received during the next few meetings in the regular contribution box, above the normal expenses, be sent to those in need through the Society's branch office.

If sufficient funds are not in the circuit account to pay for unexpected needs involving special purchases to be used in behalf of the circuit, the assembly overseer may explain the need to the other elders. (If a district matter cannot wait until elders for other circuits can meet at a circuit assembly, a letter containing the details may be sent to all the presiding overseers.) The elders in each congregation should discuss matters and then the proposal may be presented to the congregation for approval. They may assist according to what their circumstances permit.

★ **Help others to be praisers of Jehovah.** ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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"But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5.

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

Watchtower Farm has been the scene of a lot of excitement lately. The Society has completed one new factory there and another one, a huge building, is well under way.

Since February 2 the first factory there at the farm has been producing literature for your use in the field. On that day, just a few weeks ago, the first magazines rolled off one of the printing presses in that new factory. And how this delighted the large family that serves on your behalf there at Watchtower Farm! Now two presses are running, and there are more to come. Three more large rotary presses have already arrived from Germany, and soon these will be erected, ready for production. Our brothers there are willing and eager to supply all the magazines that you can possibly use in proclaiming the good news!

With the new printing facilities, our capacity for producing magazines and handling subscriptions has been greatly increased. So we are now able to invite all of you publishers in the continental United States to have personal subscriptions for *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* again.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for responding so well to the recommendation in *Kingdom Ministry* to obtain personal copies of the magazines at the Kingdom Hall when that seemed advisable. While some may prefer to continue doing that, doubtless many of you will again want to have both *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* sent directly to your homes. If you and other members of your family would like to have personal subscriptions, we will be pleased to provide that service for you now.

As for magazines sent to or from other lands, due to the high postal rates it is requested that publishers continue to get personal copies from the congregation's supply, if that is what has been done up till now.

Something else that brought a lot of joy to members of the Farm family recently was the visit of the Gilead students on March 3. Brother Knorr took them there on a visit after they had completed their final examinations at school. Of course, the students were enthusiastic about seeing the new facilities there at Watchtower Farm. As for the Farm family, they thoroughly enjoyed the comments that Brother Knorr gave that day, as well as the excellent program that the students put on for them. Then, on graduation day, March 5, they repeated the program for the Bethel family, and their friends and relatives, gathered in New York city. It was a stimulating, enthusiastic program, featuring two magnificent Bible dramas. And Brother Knorr announced that both of these dramas are scheduled to be on the program at the "Divine Victory" International Assembly this summer. Don't miss it!

Be assured of our warm love for all of you.

Your fellow servants,
Brooklyn Branch Office

Share in the Joy of Giving

[1] The most valuable gift that we can give to others is Bible knowledge. For the receiver, that knowledge can mean everlasting life in God's new order. (John 17:3) Do you have the joy that comes from having a full share in giving of this vital knowledge to others?—Acts 20:35.

[2] Our participating in the house-to-house ministry to the extent that our circumstances reasonably permit is an excellent way to share in the joy of giving. By endeavoring to call at every home, we are acting in harmony with Jehovah's desire for 'all sorts of men to be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of truth.'—1 Tim. 2:4.

[3] Consider your own circumstances. Do you have a regular time for sharing in the house-to-house ministry? Could you enlarge your share in this activity? It may be that you have been making return visits on certain people over a period of months or even years. They may enjoy listening to you and accept literature. But they may have made little progress. Perhaps they have not even once come to the Kingdom Hall. Yet, if you were to take some of the time spent in talking to those who have made little progress and devote it to the house-to-house work, you might be able to find people who are really longing for the truth. While not all respond favorably, is it not true that the house-to-house ministry is one of the main ways to locate those who are "sighing and groaning"? (Ezek. 9:4) So why not put forth a special effort in the weeks ahead to search out persons looking for the truth?

[4] The special issues of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* can help you in this regard. Even those who are not religiously inclined feel the painful effects that death brings. So they could benefit from the *Watchtower's* presentation of the resurrection hope. And who is not concerned about the increasing crime and violence? Truly, then, the special *Awake!* featuring "What Can Be Done About Crime?" will have wide appeal. Have you made definite plans to put forth a special effort in the distributing of these special issues? It is good to keep in mind that these magazines can help those reading them to become servants of Jehovah.

[5] It is certainly encouraging to see Jehovah's blessing on our efforts to declare the "good news." Many of those with whom Bible studies were conducted are now sharing in the field ministry. Other Bible students are attending meetings. We are looking forward to the time when their hearts will move them to share in the house-to-house work. Some of them may already be aware of their privilege to participate in this grand activity. Are we alert

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★ **Preaching with dependence on God for authority.** ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING APRIL 15

10 min: Song 35. Introduction, text and comments. Theocratic News.

17 min: "Share in the Joy of Giving." Questions and answers. Interview a new publisher who has shared in the field ministry for the first time recently or relate encouraging experiences. Discuss why all who are learning Bible truth should be preparing to share in field ministry. Invite any not yet doing so to talk to elders to learn what they personally need to do to qualify.

10 min: "Covering Unworked Territory." Encourage any in position to share in this work to talk to the presiding overseer promptly so that the necessary information can be sent to the Society by May 1. For those unable to travel elsewhere, provide information about territories locally or in nearby congregations needing to be worked and explain what plans are being made to cover them. Build up enthusiasm for participation in magazine work in congregation this week.

10 min: Review highlights of the special April 22 "Awake!" Discuss specific points that can be featured in presentations at the door.

13 min: Closing remarks. Give a short talk based on the slogan at the bottom of page 1, showing how the principle stated at Matthew 21:23, 24 can be applied. Song 46.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 22

12 min: Song 78. Introduction, text and comments. Also, discuss "Question Box," encouraging prompt follow-up of any expiration slips currently on hand.

15 min: Results and experiences from the "Watchtower" campaign. Invite publishers to relate various types of experiences they have enjoyed in connection with offering the magazines during the past four months. Offer suggestions on following up all subscription promises before the campaign ends. Remind those who have obtained subscriptions about the need to call back to make sure the magazines have started coming in the mail and to bring the latest copies. Emphasize the benefit of subscriptions and the importance of trying to start studies with subscribers.

13 min: Branch Letter, also monthly accounts report.

10 min: "Convention Time Is Approaching." Questions and answers. Encourage all to begin making definite plans to attend.

10 min: Closing remarks. Invite any who temporary pioneered during April, or who otherwise expanded their activity, to express their feelings about the added joy brought by increased effort. Song 71.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 29

10 min: Song 41. Introduction, text and comments. Announcements.

20 min: Have Regard for Those Working Hard. (1 Thess. 5:12, 13) Group composed of ministerial servants and publishers discuss ways they can assist elders who have "plenty to do." (1 Cor. 15:58) Can help best by being obedient and submissive. (Heb. 13:17) We can avoid being critical when things are not always arranged as we personally might prefer. Be willing to overlook their shortcomings; they are imperfect as we are. (Col. 3:13) Respond to their counsel; do not attempt to justify yourselves or raise issues over minor things. Do not burden them unnecessarily with matters that must be decided by our own conscience; each one 'must carry his own load.' (Gal. 6:5) Husbands and fathers especially need to shoulder their responsibility to make decisions involving the family, not shirking their obligations of headship. (Eph. 5:23) Volunteering to assist in performing various tasks related to congregation activity is always appreciated. Their anxiety about the congregation is considerably lessened when they know they can depend on us to care faithfully for any assignment given to us. We can take the initiative ourselves to encourage and assist those needing spiritual upbuilding; this reinforces their efforts to "support the weak." (1 Thess. 5:14) We can help a great deal by turning in reports promptly and checking to be sure they are accurate. Because these brothers unselfishly give their "own souls" in our behalf, we 'reckon them worthy of double honor.' (1 Thess. 2:7, 8; 1 Tim. 5:17) Appreciation should prompt us to cooperate fully and to keep "holding men of that sort dear." (Phil. 2:29) Additionally, discuss ways that each one can assist in any other matters currently affecting your congregation.

17 min: "Presenting the Good News—Offering the 'Paradise–Theocracy' Book." Question-and-answer discussion. Arrange for a brief demonstration of a presentation using points covered in the article. (Also refer to October 1972 "Kingdom Ministry," page 2, for additional suggestions.) Let all know of any plans made to cover territory with this offer. As time permits, invite others to offer ideas on presenting the book or the Scriptural discussion.

13 min: Closing remarks. Remind everyone to turn in reports for April, also subscriptions. Explain the recommended procedure to follow when new publishers report for the first time. ("or" book, page 75, par. 2) Song 33.

WEEK STARTING MAY 6

10 min: Song 42. Introduction, text and comments.

13 min: "How Do You View Material Possessions?" Discussion between an elder and some young people based on the article in the March 1, 1973, "Watchtower," pages 155-159. Many teen-agers will be graduating from school shortly and others will have long summer vacations. Discuss the value of wholesome pursuits in view of the urgency of the times.

15 min: Are You Reporting All Your Activity? Field overseer explains how a trend toward a decline in reported activity may be due in part to incomplete, inaccurate or late reports. Let the congregation know what problems have been encountered locally in this regard. Invite audience to offer comments and suggestions on what can be done to ensure complete, accurate reports. Questions that can be considered: How are reports helpful to the Society and the congregation? How can we keep an accurate record during the month? (Do not rely on your memory; make notation after each period of service. May use field service report slip; keep in your Bible or briefcase. Parents can remind children. Overseers can remind all to report at meetings toward end of each month. Be sure to include time spent witnessing informally.) What should you do if you forget to turn in your report? (Turn in the complete report next month; it will be included in the congregation's report and noted on your card. Prompt reporting, however, is much to be preferred.) What method of reporting have you found works well for you? (Invite someone in audience to offer suggestions on what he has found to be practical ways to record and report his activity.) Although it may seem to be a small matter, this is another one of the ways we prove ourselves to be faithful.—Luke 16:10.

12 min: "People Who Are Becoming Jehovah's Witnesses." Talk based on experiences in February 8, 1973, "Awake!," pages 14 and 15. Include any local experiences about new ones who have made progress toward qualifying for baptism.

10 min: Closing remarks. Enthusiastically encourage young people to think seriously about enrolling as temporary pioneers during the coming school vacation. Let the congregation know how many subscriptions were obtained during the campaign and any outstanding features of the April report. Song 40.

Covering Unworked Territory

1 Two sisters who traveled from California to South Dakota last summer to help a congregation to cover unworked territory stated: "We'll have memories for a lifetime. We recommend it to others." A couple from New York city who attended the assembly in Denver, Colorado, and worked some territory in Kansas on the way home expressed themselves similarly. Four publishers from Washington working in North Dakota said: "We found the people friendly and receptive, and literature was placed at almost every home." A family from Colorado that traveled to Nebraska for a weekend said: "All four of us felt that weekend to be one of our finest."

2 During the summer months this year regular pioneers serving as temporary special pioneers will spend a number of months working territory that is not assigned to any congregation. While you may not be able to share in such activity, possibly you would be able to spend a few days working territory assigned to a congregation but not worked for a year or more.

3 If you want to assist in covering unworked congregation territory,

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Convention Time Is Approaching

1 Soon the 1973 "Divine Victory" International Assembly will be under way. Have you made plans to attend? The cities and dates for the twenty-four conventions in the United States and Canada are as follows:

June 20-24: Detroit, Mich.
June 27–July 1: Chicago, Ill.; Hallandale, Fla.; Los Angeles, Calif. (No. 1)
July 4-8: Houston, Tex.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Vancouver, B.C.; Winnipeg, Man.
July 6-10: New York, N.Y.
July 11-15: Halifax, N.S.; Kansas City, Mo.; Oakland, Calif.
July 18-22: Los Angeles, Calif. (No. 2); Philadelphia, Pa.
July 25-29: Altanta, Ga.; Montreal, Que. (English and French); Toronto, Ont. (English, Italian, Greek)

SPANISH ONLY

June 27–July 1: Hammond, Ind.; Inglewood, Calif.; Jersey City, N.J.; Miami, Fla.
July 4-8: Albuquerque, N. Mex.
July 25-29: Houston, Tex.

FRENCH ONLY

July 4-8: New York, N.Y.

2 Usually most brothers attend assemblies nearest their homes, and facilities are planned accordingly. But to avoid overcrowding the facilities we were able to obtain, we are recommending that, as much as possible, brothers in the following circuits and areas attend the assemblies as shown below:

Los Angeles, Calif. (June 27–July 1): Ariz. circuits 1, 3; Calif. 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 17, 31; N. Mex. 1-B; Utah 1.
Los Angeles, Calif. (July 18-22): Ariz. circuit 2; Calif. 1, 3, 6, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, 30.
Pittsburgh, Pa. (July 4-8): N.Y. circuits 7, 8, 9, 13.
Winnipeg, Man. (July 4-8): Metropolitan Minneapolis and St. Paul, northern Minnesota and other northern states near Winnipeg.
Atlanta, Ga. (July 25-29): Fla. circuit 3.

3 As there will be two assemblies in Los Angeles, it is requested that the respective circuits attend each assembly as shown. Also, the facilities in Toronto are not as large as those in Pittsburgh. Hence, although the New York circuits listed for Pittsburgh are closer to Toronto, it would be far better for them to attend the assembly at Pittsburgh, where there will be plenty of room. The branch office in Canada informs

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Covering Unworked Territory (*Cont'd*)

please discuss matters with the presiding overseer. Let him know how many territories of two to three hundred homes you could work and how far you would be able to travel. Please give the needed information to your presiding overseer early enough so he can mail it to the Society no later than May 1. Generally speaking, the need for additional help is greatest in midwestern and southern states. A form has been sent to the presiding overseer of most congregations covering their territory at least once each year. It is requested that he use it in sending information to the Society regarding persons in the congregation who qualify to share in such activity. If your congregation is not covering its territory at least once each year it would be best to concentrate on covering unworked territory in your own congregation instead of traveling to some other congregation.

4 Where assignments are made to give assistance, the presiding overseer of the congregation needing help will be given written notice from the Society. A copy of the letter will be sent to the presiding overseer of the congregation offering assistance. The congregation needing help can then supply specific information regarding the territory to those volunteering to work it.

5 Those sharing in covering unworked territory during the summer months will have to make their own arrangements for housing, etc. Have in mind also that most of the territory needing attention is rural, so a serviceable car will be needed. Also, it would be best if just a few persons work in each car group.

Share the Joy of Giving (*Cont'd*)

to encourage them? For any who see the need to preach the "good news" and who are living in harmony with God's will, there is no reason to delay. Encourage them to start NOW.—Rev. 22:17.

6 May this month as well as future months find all of us experiencing the joy that comes from having a full share in the house-to-house ministry.

JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	747	143.8	61.5	5.7	139.5
Pios.	14,437	100.6	41.4	3.3	94.7
Temp. Pios.	6,051	82.0	28.4	1.5	82.4
Pubs.	409,460	9.9	4.9	.5	13.0
TOTAL	430,695				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,020

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1973
460,063 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN JANUARY?

Our report reflects a fine upward trend in zealous activity. From December's 421,895 publishers we increased in January to 430,695! And both magazines and total hours showed an increase of well over half a million from January of 1971. It was especially good to see that publishers averaged 9.9 hours, and regular pioneers 100.6 hours, and that home Bible studies increased 15,000 from December. Very fine indeed! It certainly is commendable that so many saw the need to exert themselves vigorously in publicly making known Jehovah's name and kingdom.

Announcements

◆ When filling out reports, orders, remittances and all other forms, each congregation should use its official name as shown on its monthly statement.

◆ *Watchtower* and *Awake!* subscription slips that show the old subscription rate of $1 per year and 50c for six months should be corrected to read $1.50 per year and 75c for six months when using the slips in the field service.

◆ Literature offer for May: *Paradise-Theocracy* book and booklet, 50c. When you have placed the *Paradise-Theocracy* books that you have on hand, then offer the *'Know Jehovah'* book in your field ministry for the rest of May. If you can use more *'Know Jehovah'* books, these may be ordered from the Society. June: *New World Translation* and *Great Teacher* book, $1.25. (Various ones of the 25-cent books will be featured during the summer months; when the featured book is not accepted, one of the others may be presented.) July: *Truth;* August: *Great Teacher;* September: *Evolution.*

◆ Regular pioneers desiring to serve as temporary special pioneers devoting a minimum of 150 hours a month to field service in isolated territory for two or three months during the summer may write for further information. Each assignment is organized for a team of two. Arrangements should be made for a partner (give partner's name when writing) and a car that is in good condition before writing to the Society. Some financial assistance will be provided by the Society.

◆ Regular pioneers who were appointed on or before February 1, 1973, will be sent a cafeteria ticket for use at a district assembly during this service year. These will be sent to the presiding overseer along with the monthly statement for May. The Society will not be sending a midyear letter to the pioneers regarding their activity.

◆ The special report card showing the attendance at the Lord's Evening Meal should be sent to the Society by the presiding overseer immediately after this meeting.

◆ New publications available:
Listening to the Great Teacher —Indonesian, Sango
Is the Bible Really the Word of God? —Greek

◆ Please show your congregation name in full on all checks sent to the Society.

◆ In answer to a number of inquiries from congregations, letters addressed "To All Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses," etc., from individuals and worldly companies soliciting business are not to be read to the congregation, nor should such information be placed on the congregation's information board.—See April 1969 Question Box.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

Offering the "Paradise–Theocracy" Book

1 We have good reason to be enthusiastic about offering this book during the month of May. But how, you may ask, can we generate interest in the contents of a book that relates the affairs of an ancient people seemingly far removed from our day? How can we convince the householder that the writings of little-known Hebrew prophets have force and meaning for us today?

2 Many enjoyed good success using the Scriptural presentation suggested in the October *Kingdom Ministry*. After commenting on our mutual desire for good government, you could ask: "Would you be interested in knowing what the Bible says the future holds as regards rulership over all the earth?" If the householder responds favorably, you can read Revelation 11:18, pointing out Jehovah's promise to bring to ruin those ruining the earth. The wonderful blessings that will be realized under divine rulership can be emphasized by reading Revelation 21:3, 4.

3 You may prefer a simple presentation using just the book itself. After an appropriate introduction, you could raise the question: "Do you believe that peaceful, happy conditions will ever be possible on this earth? [Allow comment by householder.] In spite of intense efforts by the major governments to establish a lasting peace, many are inclined to feel that it is unrealistic to expect this in our lifetime. The Bible clearly shows, however, that a peaceful, happy world not only is possible, but has been promised by God. [Open book to title page.] Man's existence on this earth began in a paradise created by God . . . [Read Genesis 2:8.] Man lost paradise by his disobedience, but God has made provision by His Son to restore it. Before he died, Jesus made a promise that gives us a solid basis for hope . . . [Read Luke 23:43.] You may find that hard to believe. [Refer to page 7, paragraph 3, noting comments on reasons for belief.] This book *Paradise Restored to Mankind—By Theocracy!* discusses the Bible prophecies that confirm this hope."

4 The *Paradise–Theocracy* book contains a most worthwhile message; an opportunity to read its contents can be a blessing to the people in your community. It would be good to cover as much of your territory as possible with this offer during the month of May. Make sure that interested ones already contacted get an opportunity to receive it. All those currently being studied with should be encouraged to obtain and read it. Let them know when and where the book is studied each week by the congregation, and invite them to attend. Also, many calls will be made during the month on those who subscribed during the *Watchtower* campaign; offer it to them too.

5 You will undoubtedly want to make return visits on all with whom you make placements, making an effort to start studies. If the paradise hope appeals to the householder, you may have an excellent opportunity to stimulate further interest through a regular study.

Convention Time Approaching (*Cont'd*)

us that the assembly facilities in Halifax are quite limited but that publishers in the northeastern United States who want to go to Montreal can be accommodated.

4 Due to new regulations affecting use of Yankee Stadium in New York, the program there will not begin until 6 p.m. on Friday, and that opening session will close at 9 p.m. On Saturday the program will begin at 9 a.m., and on the following days at 10 a.m. On the last four days of the assembly it will conclude at about 6 p.m., a little later than in other cities, so that nothing will be missed as a result of readjusting the first day's program. The public talk will be on Sunday (followed by a Bible drama), even though the New York assembly extends through Tuesday. In other cities, the program each day will usually run from 9:55 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then from 2:55 to 5:30 p.m.

5 The Society will be sending a supply of room request forms to each congregation. Please fill out the form very carefully and mail it, NOT to the Society, but directly to the address of the rooming headquarters shown thereon. Do this no earlier than six or seven weeks before the assembly of your choice.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆During Brother Henschel's trip as zone overseer in the Far East, he spoke to 120 in Karachi, 320 in Rangoon, 220 in Bangkok, 15,896 in Manila, 237 in Guam, 3,763 in Honolulu and 825 in Hilo. On the way home he stopped at Los Angeles, speaking to 1,355, and to 3,589 in Houston.

◆Ghana's 16,428 publishers enjoyed 7 district assemblies in January; attendance was 42,471, with 929 baptized.

◆Mexico has had 1,200 more baptized thus far this service year (September-January) than for the same period last year.

◆Canada reported 79,000 more hours this January than last; 964 baptized already this service year.

◆France had 1,665 more new subscriptions this January than last.

◆The 28,008 publishers in Italy reported 28,957 Bible studies, and the publishers averaged 13.4 hours each.

Question Box

• How are expiration slips that are sent to a congregation to be handled?

An expiration slip is sent to the congregation two months after the expiration date if the subscription is not renewed. Many fine experiences have resulted from following up such calls promptly. When these slips are received, it is requested that the Bible study overseer distribute them. If it is known that some former subscribers are presently being called on regularly by certain publishers, it would be logical to give the slip to them. Otherwise, the slips may be distributed to any publishers who can be depended upon to make the calls and follow through on interest found. Some congregations find it best simply to distribute the slips to the book study conductors.

If publishers are unable to make contact on these calls for some reason, it would be good to return these to the Bible study overseer or the book study conductor, so he can give them to others who may be able to call at a different time. If repeated efforts to contact the person are unsuccessful, letters can be written by publishers whose health or circumstances limit their share in the house-to-house ministry. When the circuit overseer visits, he can be given any slips currently on hand, but they should not be allowed to accumulate for this purpose.

Occasionally the congregation may receive a slip with an address not in its territory. If that territory is held by a nearby congregation, the slip may be sent there. If not, please return it to the Society.

Slips regarding "undeliverable" magazines are often sent out. If you can obtain the information needed to assure future delivery of the magazines, please note this on the slip and return it to the Society.

From time to time it would be good for overseers to ask all the publishers to check their notebooks and bookbags carefully for any slips they may have neglected to follow up.

★ Have you followed up all subscription prospects? ★

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"But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5.

Dear Fellow Publishers:

We wish you could have been with us at the Bethel breakfast table when Brother Knorr told us about his recent trip through South America. He and Brother Larson had just completed a seventeen-day trip to eight of the Society's branches.

Everywhere they went, more persons had been baptized so far this year than for the same period last year. Expansion of printing facilities was needed. In Colombia arrangements were made during their visit to enlarge the printing operations there. In Peru and Venezuela plans were laid for expanding the branch facilities, in order to handle the increasing flow of publications needed to equip the brothers for their ministry. In Argentina the present branch building is being enlarged, and another large building was purchased. The number of publishers has been growing rapidly there, and it is hoped that much more printing can be done right in the country. It was thrilling to hear about all these plans for expansion, especially in view of what it means in terms of accomplishing the vital "marking" of foreheads during the short remaining time.

A highlight of the trip was the dedication of the enlarged factory and Bethel home in Brazil. The plane on which they were traveling was delayed, but the brothers arrived just in time for the program in São Paulo. Brother Knorr spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of 1,376 who were present for the dedication that evening, and then to 28,919 at a special meeting the next morning. With their new facilities, the 75,000 publishers in Brazil should now receive their magazines on a far more regular basis than was possible with international shipping of supplies.

In most of the countries where they stopped on their trip, Brother Knorr was also working out details concerning the forthcoming "Divine Victory" International Assemblies in those lands. Here in North America those assemblies begin just next month, in June. What a grand spiritual feast there will be! Don't miss any of it.

Truly, these are thrilling days in which to be alive and serving our Grand Greator. May all of us share to the full in the work that he has given us to do.

We send our warm love to all of you.

Your fellow servants,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Serving with a Sense of Urgency!

New Peak of 436,459 Kingdom Proclaimers

1 The work of gathering in the "other sheep" is going ahead at a fast pace. Already in the first five months of this service year, 69,838 world wide have become dedicated, baptized disciples of Jesus Christ. In the continental United States alone, 21,822 have taken this important step in the last six months. And the month of February saw more Kingdom proclaimers in the field ministry here than ever before—a total of 436,459, an increase of 5,280! To supply the needs that have arisen due to worldwide increases, the Bethel family has been kept very busy. Think of it, 14,547,882 bound books and a total of 115,539,350 magazines have been produced in the Society's factories in New York in just six months!

2 It is a joy to see that the efforts put forth by our brothers and sisters here in the United States give evidence of a genuine interest in getting the "good news" proclaimed in these "last days." In February, though it was a wintry month in some areas, 6,117,302 hours were devoted to the field ministry, 611,000 more than a year ago. Also magazine placements increased by 907,000. Truly these magazines can be instrumental in opening up the hearts of individuals to respond to the truth.

3 As we see what is happening today, we cannot help but have a feeling of urgency. We know that Jesus Christ is already ruling over the "kingdom of the world." We are living deep in the "time of the end." The fulfillment of prophecy points unmistakably to the approaching destruction of Babylon the Great. Does this not fire us with zeal to get around our territory as often as possible? Yes, we want people to learn the truth NOW.

4 People everywhere need to be made aware of Jehovah's grand purpose for mankind. They must be helped to see that a decision must be made as to whether they really want God's kingdom or prefer the pleasures of this world and submission to the "god of this system of things." (2 Cor. 4:4) The *Paradise–Theocracy* book is an excellent means by which to place this issue before them. During May we will therefore want to use every opportunity to place this publication along with a booklet.

5 The more time we spend in house-to-house work and the more we are alert to opportunities to share in informal witnessing, the more people we will be able to help to learn the truth. People living in the territory are our neighbors. All of them are in great spiritual need. To help all we can, we must view each one as an individual, not judging the territory as a whole. (Luke 10:36, 37) Keeping in mind that we are bearing Jehovah's name and making known his message for a witness, regardless of the response, we can have real satisfaction in knowing that we are doing the divine will.

6 Warmer weather and longer days may provide opportunities to share in evening witness work, also increased street witnessing. One 87-year-old pioneer sister in New York State regularly places 1,500 magazines a month by offering them on the street. Many have had excellent results in approaching persons waiting in cars at shopping centers.

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★ Joining the King's Secretary in Marking Worthy Foreheads. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK OF MAY 13

10 min: Song 22. Introduction, text and comments.

12 min: " 'Divine Victory' International Assembly." Question-and-answer coverage of article, paragraphs 1-7. Stress that these matters are to be given immediate attention if not already cared for. Cover points in the May 1971 "Question Box."

10 min: Branch Letter and Announcements.

2 min: Accounts report.

16 min: "Serving with a Sense of Urgency!" Question-and-answer discussion, followed by brief stimulating talk.

10 min: Concluding comments. Include points from field service report and month's service theme, bottom of page one. Song 30.

WEEK OF MAY 20

10 min: Song 26. Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: "What Is Your Heart's Desire?" Question-and-answer coverage from paragraph one of the insert to the end of the section on "Pioneering While Going to School." Allow for local experiences as time permits.

18 min: "Have You Set a Personal Goal?" Round-table discussion of the material by a family or other group.

12 min: Concluding comments. Include Theocratic News items. Song 34.

WEEK OF MAY 27

10 min: Song 36. Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: "What Is Your Heart's Desire?" After brief introduction, question-and-answer discussion starting with "Rejecting College Education to Pioneer" through to the end of the section on "Willingness to Give Up Seeming Material Advantages."

10 min: "Presenting the Good News—In Business Territory." Handled by field overseer. Ones who work business territory may be interviewed, highlighting how to approach businessmen. Field overseer will inform congregation of local business territory to be worked and encourage the working of it.

10 min: Offer the "New World Translation" and "Great Teacher" book. Encouraging talk for all to share in field ministry during June. Make the month of June a real Bible study month. Remember that we have, not only the regular edition, but also a large-print edition, as well as "The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures." Use the folder on "Bibles and Bible Study Aids" to acquaint people with these. In carrying out our field activity, we will try to encourage all people to read the Bible. People might say they have a Bible, read it and are not interested in a copy of the "New World Translation." Such a householder can be informed of the "Aid" book. Show the person the sample in your folder. In some cases, you may want to arrange a return visit to show the householder your copy and how we use it, and tell him that, if he so desires, one can be ordered for him. We can also offer to interested householders "Make Sure" for 75c. Brothers can carry their own copy of "Make Sure" with them. Then if people say they have a Bible, we can offer the householder something that will help him to understand the Bible. Appreciating the importance of the Bible study work, encourage all to start studies at every opportunity.

10 min: Concluding comments. Song 43.

WEEK OF JUNE 3

10 min: Song 45. Introduction, text and comments, and comments on service theme for June.

10 min: "Question Box." Talk or discussion by elder(s).

15 min: "What Is Your Heart's Desire?" Panel discussion of remaining material, starting with "The Encouragement of Parents Helps," to conclusion of article.

15 min: " 'Divine Victory' International Assembly." Continue question-and-answer coverage, paragraphs 8-12. Stress need for our conduct and our children's to be above reproach both at the assembly and everywhere else. Read pertinent paragraphs of June 15, 1970, "Watchtower" as time allows.

10 min: Concluding comments. Song 37.

WEEK OF JUNE 10

Congregations that do not receive the June "Kingdom Ministry" in time may make up their own program.

NOTICE

Some congregations report that at times *Kingdom Ministry* supplies are received late. This is to advise that *Kingdom Ministry* supplies are mailed on the 15th or 16th of each month. If a congregation's supply is late in arriving, the elders should make up their own program and adjust later meetings as needed when the *Kingdom Ministry* is received.

Have You Set a Personal Goal?

[1] To succeed in accomplishing something, it helps greatly to set a goal for ourselves. A goal is something to strive for, and when achieved, it results in satisfaction, especially when the goal involves our service to God. (Eph. 5:15-17) Many of us have set as a personal goal to temporary pioneer one time or more each year, to join the ranks of regular pioneers, to become a special pioneer or a member of the Bethel family, to serve where the need is greater, to attend Gilead and thereafter serve as a missionary, etc. Think of the added blessings that those who have realized such goals have experienced in their lives!

[2] In the *Organization* book we do not find a set goal of hours for all publishers, nor set goals for return visits, magazine placements or Bible studies. Why not? Because our individual circumstances, condition of health, abilities, etc., vary greatly. Not all of us are able to do the same amount, and, as we know, the response on the part of the public is not the same in all areas.

[3] However, would it not be good for each of us individually to set a goal for our own field ministry, to determine personally how much time we can reasonably spend in field service each month and work out a schedule accordingly? Similarly, we can establish a personal goal for magazine placements, return visits, and even the number of Bible studies we wish to conduct.

[4] A publisher recently stated: 'When the Society had a goal of twelve magazines a month for us as publishers, and I saw near the end of the month I was short on magazine placements, often I would arrange to spend a little more time in magazine service so as to enjoy the satisfaction of placing twelve or more magazines a month.' He observed that when the goals were discontinued, his field service time dropped and he was not putting forth the same effort to place twelve magazines a month. He decided to set personal field service goals for himself, and as a result he has increased the time he spends in field ministry and again enjoys a greater part in magazine distribution.

[5] Goals are wholesome for us as individuals. They provide us opportunity to manifest good desires, according to "the arrangings of the heart" which Jehovah lovingly allows his human creatures to develop according to choice. And when one's heart 'thinks out its way,' setting reasonable goals in God's service, then "Jehovah himself does the directing of his steps." (Prov. 16:1, 9) Yes, Jehovah will bless our efforts to meet such goals. Our desire is to please Jehovah by sharing as fully as we can in Kingdom-preaching and the disciple-making work. Goals can aid us to accomplish this. Would it not be good, then, with all of us recognizing the urgency of the times, individually to consider again our circumstances and to work out for ourselves reasonable personal goals for field service?

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What Is Your Heart's Desire?

JEHOVAH God does not hold anyone back from following his heart's desire. We are free to choose what appeals to our hearts and what delights our eyes. Wise King Solomon said under inspiration: "Rejoice, young man, in your youth, and let your heart do you good in the days of your young manhood, and walk in the ways of your heart and in the things seen by your eyes."

But this does not mean that the youth who follows every desire of his heart and eyes is not responsible for his actions to the Giver of life, Jehovah God. King Solomon continued: "But know that on account of all these the true God will bring you into judgment. So remove vexation from your heart, and ward off calamity from your flesh; for youth and the prime of life are vanity. Remember, now, your Grand Creator in the days of your young manhood."—Eccl. 11:9–12:1.

Jehovah God will not shield anyone from disappointments, frustrations and injury if his heart's desires greatly interfere with or limit activities directly associated with true worship. Therefore we are truly wise if we pursue desires that take into consideration our precious relationship with Jehovah God.

If you are a young man or a young woman, where is the desire of your heart? Is your chief concern your relationship with Jehovah? Is it your desire to use your abilities and material assets in such a way as to give you the most time possible for advancing Kingdom interests? Are you thinking seriously about enlarging your share in the vital work of Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making? Is it your heart's desire to become a regular pioneer as soon as possible and, meanwhile, to make the best use of opportunities to share in the temporary pioneer service?

Why They Chose Pioneering

Many dedicated, baptized young men and women are definitely concerned about using their energies to the full in the service of Jehovah God as devoted disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. One pioneer from Nigeria made this expression: "Even while I was in school I felt an awareness of the shortness of the time and I wanted to use the remaining time wisely. So I used to share regularly in the temporary pioneer service." Another pioneer comments: "I believe the pioneer service is one way young ones like me can show Jehovah our gratitude for what he has done for us."

A young married man, on completing his training as a teacher in Bandung, Indonesia, returned to his native village. He returned with more than secular knowledge, for he had become a dedicated, baptized disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Alone in the mountain village, he spent many hours proclaiming the "good news" to the people in their native language. He delivered the Memorial talk at 10 p.m., after the villagers had returned from their work. Over one hundred persons assembled outside in the marketplace before a campfire. Encouraged by the attendance and seeing the great need to increase the amount of time he was spending in preaching and teaching, he enrolled as a temporary pioneer. Soon he stopped secular teaching and became a regular pioneer. Now many of his former pupils are dedicated, baptized Witnesses.

A circuit overseer from Japan observed that the brothers and sisters in that land regard pioneering as "the normal thing to do," if there is a way to do it. Almost half the pioneers in Japan are young people. It is the usual thing for these, even if one of their parents is not in the truth, to prepare well ahead of time to pioneer when they graduate from high school.

If you are in school, is your love for Jehovah and the people in your territory continuing to grow? Does this love reflect itself in a burning desire to do as much as you possibly can in the advancement of Kingdom interests? Do you make good use of your vacation periods by increasing your participation in the field ministry then? Are you preparing yourself for the regular pioneer service? Are you availing yourself of training that will make it easier for you to get a part-time job upon completing your secular education? Have you thought about a brother or a sister who might work with you as a pioneer partner? Have you discussed this with him or her? Do you share in the temporary pioneer service whenever the opportunity presents itself?

Pioneering While Going to School

Some brothers and sisters have found that they can even be regular pioneers while going to school.

One youth serving as a pioneer in Hawaii relates: "I realized that pioneering a half day of each school day would serve as a protection from the influences of worldly schoolmates and also discourage extracurricular activities since I would be busy in the field ministry. With a lot of help from Jehovah and much encouragement from my family, I was able to do well in the pioneer work. I am really glad that I pioneered while going to school, because it really sharpened my appreciation for the precious privilege of serving Jehovah in the last days and helped me to rely more heavily on Jehovah as my Source of strength."

A sister in New York city who began pioneering while still in school had the following schedule: She would come home from school at about 2 p.m. Her day in service would start a half hour later and continue until about 6 or 7 o'clock. She did some of her homework during the lunch period and the rest of it after field service. She still enjoys pioneering and views it as a protection against being sidetracked by the things done in the world.

A sister in Kansas was able to arrange to take most of her required number of subjects in the first three years of high school. This made it possible for her to pioneer during her senior year, when she was given permission to take only three classes.

In the Philippines, one sister, though compelled by her father to go to college, is still able to pioneer. How does she do it? "Every school opening," she says, "I see to it that I enroll on the first week of registration so that I can choose a good schedule of time for school. From then on I am a student in the morning and a pioneer in the afternoon."

If you are now attending school, can you make adjustments that would enable you to pioneer and yet not neglect your secular education? Is this the desire of your heart?

Rejecting College Education to Pioneer

Not all those who are pioneering now had that desire originally. There were those who wanted higher education in order to get ahead in the world. One pioneer sister serving in Hawaii comments: "My goal was to get a good college education. I entered college and became inactive spiritually. However, I found college very dissatisfying. I thought there must be something better in life, something to make life more rewarding. I began to attend meetings again and associated with pioneers. Soon I left college and pursued the desire to serve Jehovah as a pioneer."

Another Hawaiian sister relates the following: "My father wanted me to attend college on a scholarship. I had the desire to learn enough to see if human philosophies could help people with their problems. After one year of college, I realized the vanity of worldly wisdom and discontinued my college scholarship. My mother was a fine example as a pioneer. There were other zealous pioneers in the congregation, and their faith and zeal were contagious, stimulating a desire in me to join them in the pioneer service.

"After one circuit overseer's visit, I was determined to become a pioneer. I talked to my mother about this and, due to my father's not being in the truth, felt that I would have to leave home to pioneer. I explained to mother that, even if it meant leaving home to pioneer, I would do so. The thought of our becoming separated caused both of us to cry. I prayed that Jehovah would soften my father's heart so that he would let me pioneer and remain at home. Jehovah answered my prayer and I have enjoyed a number of years at home in the pioneer service. Part-time work has been available to support myself."

Willingness to Give Up Seeming Material Advantages

When the desire to pioneer is strong enough, one is willing to give up seeming material advantages. Often even young people who enter the pioneer service have had to make adjustments. Those who have done so have been greatly blessed.

One brother in Ubiri, Nigeria, who chose pioneering, although his unbelieving parents were arranging for him to get a university education, writes: "Since I have just finished my course in high school and am only qualified for clerical work—not having learned a trade—I just forced myself to become a fisherman. Though I have no one to support me financially, I will not give away this opportunity to pioneer, because I have been crying for it." He is now conducting fifteen Bible studies in his regular pioneer assignment.

A sister from Portugal relates her experience: "I was the only child and therefore the center of attention. But I realized that most of my time was being spent at my secular job. My parents did not depend on me financially. The more I thought about it, the more I became convinced that the time spent at my secretarial job could be much better used in the pioneer service. No sooner had I made my decision to be a pioneer than problems arose. I received a tempting offer as a secretary for another firm at double the salary I was then earning. When my father, who is not in the truth, learned of my decision to be a pioneer, he said he would never talk to me again and even threatened to take his life. But I stuck to my decision. Immediately my father ordered me out of the home.

"During those trying times my mother constantly encouraged me. Also, I will never be able to forget how my loving brothers and sisters so kindly filled that vacuum of love I needed. I will always be grateful to them. The offers for meals were more than the number of meals in a day. The brothers wanted me to keep healthy and even put on some weight so that my father would not think that I was suffering. When I went to Jehovah in prayer, I especially felt the strength and courage to continue in the pioneer service. Then one day, nine months later, I met my father on the street. He found it hard to say 'hello,' but I felt he was glad to see me. To my surprise, shortly afterward I received word to come back and live at home and carry on my pioneer service. After my spending more than five years as a pioneer, my father has decided to go to his first convention. I can fully agree with the words recorded at Psalm 27:10: 'In case my own father and my own mother did leave me, even Jehovah himself would take me up.' "

A young married couple in the Philippines tell about their entering the pioneer service: "Our appreciation of the urgency of the times led us to leave our full-time secular work and take up the pioneer service. Because of doing this, we now enjoy peace of mind and a much closer relationship as husband and wife because of working together in the field ministry. We have learned how to budget both our time and money. When working in the territory we try to plan our activity so that we can do both our house-to-house work and return visits in the same area. This cuts down on transportation expenses. In our home we have learned to buy the necessary food items first and in bulk when advisable."

Upon finishing high school, a young sister in Nigeria began thinking seriously about pioneering. She had several opportunities for employment. Although it meant lower wages, she decided to take the job that allowed for more time to spend in preaching. She reasoned, 'When this system passes away with its institutions, I will be sure of having a vocation.'

A pioneer sister from Davao City, Philippines, speaks of the blessings that came when she gave up her secular job to pioneer: "I did not find real happiness in my secular job, as I had much discontentment and many frustrations. When I submitted my resignation, the company offered me a higher position with a big increase in salary. However, I was firm in my desire to be a pioneer. After two years of pioneering I have reaped nothing but a bundle of profound happiness and blessing. My Bible knowledge has greatly improved and my preaching work is more effective. I have also found it easier to manifest the fruitage of God's spirit. Now I always make it a point to encourage other young persons like myself to share in the pioneer work."

The Encouragement of Parents Helps

The example of others can certainly be a source of encouragement. But, in addition thereto, at times the heart's desire for what is good needs to be strengthened. Parents can do much to aid their children in this regard.

A sister from the Visayan Islands stated: "My parents did a lot to help me in my determination to be a pioneer. I took advantage of school vacation by applying to serve as a temporary pioneer. Also the experiences of our brothers as related in *The Watchtower* stirred my heart to aspire to the privilege of pioneer work."

An elder in Korea encouraged his four children to pioneer. At a circuit assembly he and the children were interviewed. The oldest daughter related how she had been the highest scholastically in her high school. She herself wanted to go to college at one point. However, her father informed her that, while she was free to choose such a course, she could not expect financial support from him. She changed her mind about college, and now she is enjoying many blessings as a pioneer. The next oldest, a son, told how he also at one time wanted to go to college and follow a worldly course. But his father sat down and reviewed the Scriptures with him. His father also told him that, if he insisted on following a worldly course, he would also have to find another place to live. He heeded his father's counsel and is very grateful that his father was kind but firm in his stand. The two younger children explained that they were impressed by what happened to the two older ones. From the beginning they planned to become pioneers. The youngest son gave up his high school education to pioneer.

Consider Pioneering

While it may be your heart's desire to share the joys of pioneering, your present circumstances simply may not allow you to do so. In that case do not feel discouraged. You can rest assured that Jehovah God and his Son Jesus Christ very much appreciate your faithful service.

It may be that, with persistent prayer, the obstacles standing in the way will eventually be removed, freeing you to fulfill the desire of your heart. This was the experience of one sister who is now serving as a missionary. When she made known her plans to pioneer, she was still a minor and living at home. Her unbelieving father did not want her to pioneer but wanted her to go to college. She constantly prayed to Jehovah to soften her father's heart. Within a year, she was able to enter the pioneer service. Her health also began to improve and this made a favorable impression on her father. Looking back on her pioneer service, this sister says: "It was worth overcoming all the difficulties that have come along the way."

As you ponder the experiences of others, consider whether you can seize the privilege of being a pioneer. Jehovah God, of course, has left it up to each one of us to decide just how much time we will devote to the work of Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making. He has also made clear to us the need for this vital work. He has revealed to us that this system of things will soon come to its end. This means that people's lives are in grave danger. They need to come into an approved relationship with Jehovah if they are going to survive the "great tribulation." Then, too, Jehovah has revealed that it is his will for us to spread the lifesaving message of his Word. Our conforming to his will is therefore an expression of our love for him and for fellow humans.

Is your love for Jehovah motivating the desires of your heart? If it is, whether you are able to pioneer or not, you can have the deep satisfaction of knowing that you are whole-souled in your service to Jehovah. Jesus told his brothers to preach and to teach. "Make disciples," he said. All dedicated Christians know what to do and they will keep busy telling the good news to others from house to house, everywhere, anytime.

"Divine Victory" International Assembly

1 All of us are looking forward with eager anticipation to the good things to be enjoyed at the international assemblies. If any have not yet done so, now is the time to make definite plans to be in attendance. And do we not want those with whom we are studying to enjoy the rich spiritual food along with us? Certainly! So include them in your plans. To aid you, here are a few suggestions.

2 Many of you will be needing rooming accommodations. No arrangements will be made by the Society for camper, tent or trailer sites in the United States. If you plan on camping, please work this out personally, using commercial facilities. As to hotel and motel accommodations, prices have been increasing; so, few rooms will be available at the lowest prices listed. However, real effort will be put forth to get good accommodations at reasonable prices in private homes.

3 Be sure to send in your room request form six or seven weeks before the start of the convention you plan to attend. Mail it, not to the Society, but to the address shown on the form for that city. Wherever possible, rooming assignments will be mailed directly to you. If you do not receive an assignment before you leave home, you may obtain it at the rooming department in the convention city. In case you have to cancel an accommodation, *please be sure to notify both the landlord and the rooming department.* This will enable the rooming department to assign the rooms to someone else, and it shows consideration for the one who offered to provide the rooms.

4 There is need for caution in large cities. Be sure to lock your car. Never leave anything showing in it, but keep any necessary items locked in the trunk. Also beware of pickpockets. They often mingle among large crowds.

5 In view of the new session times this year, you may wonder what meals will be served at the assemblies. Arrangements will be made for breakfast and/or suitable refreshments prior to the morning sessions. There will be a noon meal and refreshments during the intermission. Also at the conclusion of the afternoon session food will be available.

6 Pioneers should be sure to bring their meal tickets, caring for these as if they were money, as replacements are not available. They will also be needed to obtain literature in the bookroom at pioneer rates.

7 One way to advertise the assembly is by wearing badges. If your congregation does not already have a supply of lapel cards and holders, these should be ordered immediately. The celluloid holders are 5c each and the lapel cards are 1c each.

8 Another fine way to advertise the assembly is by sharing in the field service. True, no organized field service is scheduled for the days of the assembly. But handbills, magazines and literature will be available. Why not plan to spend some time while in the assembly city, either in the morning or in the evening, distributing handbills? No territory needs to be obtained. Also informal witnessing can be done on your way to the sessions in the morning or when returning to your accommodations in the early evening. Take advantage of every opportunity to speak about the good news and invite everyone possible to attend the assembly, especially those in whose home you may be staying. Even deaf-mutes can benefit, as there will be a deaf-mute section at all English-language assemblies.

9 Any who do accept our invitation to attend the assembly ought to be able to see by our conduct that we truly reflect unselfish love and concern for others. This should be evident in our interest in helping others to get seated, and in our not saving seats needlessly. Of course, there is no objection to saving seats for those who have left temporarily or for volunteer workers who will soon return. But otherwise, would it not be the unselfish thing to leave seats open for anyone to use when we are not sitting on them? And even if a younger person is seated, how fine it is to offer it freely to an elderly or infirm person who may not have found a place to sit and listen. By such loving concern for others we honor our God, Jehovah, who has taught us what love really is.

10 Then, too, volunteer service provides an excellent opportunity for us to minister to the needs of others as Jesus did. Such ministering, motivated by love, can contribute to our happiness. (Acts 20:35; Ps. 110:3) Why not plan to volunteer as individuals or as family groups? Brothers having families could perhaps volunteer to serve as attendants in sections where they will be sitting with their families. If you cannot serve all five days, your doing so for any other period of time will be very much appreciated. Volunteer service applications should

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Announcements

◆ Literature offer for May: *Paradise-Theocracy* book with booklet, 50c. June: *New World Translation* and *Great Teacher* book, $1.25. (Large congregations may want to order a few copies of the large-print Bible, which is placed for $5.00. Other Bible translations printed by the Society, as well as the *Aid* book and *"Make Sure,"* may be offered to interested persons.) July: *Truth* book, 25c. (*Great Teacher* or *Evolution* book may be offered where people have *Truth* book. *Great Teacher* book will be featured in August and *Evolution* book in September, so congregations would do well to stock up on these books.)

◆ Young publishers who will be out of school for the summer, have you begun making plans to have a share in temporary pioneer service?

◆ The body of elders in each congregation should make arrangements to meet at a convenient time early in June. (See *or*, pages 64, 65.)

◆ Permanent address for congregation: All correspondence to the presiding overseer (including *Kingdom Ministry* and written review papers) will be sent in care of the permanent address supplied by the body of elders. It is not necessary that this address be that of the presiding overseer. The one who receives the mail should promptly turn it over to the current presiding overseer. If it is necessary to make a change in the permanent address, the body of elders should submit to the Society the name and address to be used as the congregation's permanent mailing address.

◆ All serving as regular pioneers as of February 1, 1973, will obtain from their presiding overseer their pioneer meal ticket for use at the international assembly. The pioneer meal tickets are being sent to the presiding overseer with the May congregation statement.

◆ District assembly lapel cards in English and Spanish may be obtained by requesting them on a Literature Order Blank. All orders for lapel cards and celluloid holders will be charged to your congregation literature account. Lapel cards will not be available at the assembly.

◆ With your congregation's next shipment of literature there will be a supply of folders listing various Bible translations, and certain study aids, available from the Watchtower Society. The folders are free. There is one for each publisher. No more are available. Take good care of your copy. It is meant for use in the field service, so that you can show householders what you are able to obtain for them. No doubt you can make good use of it during June.

◆ During the month of May or early in June, each congregation will receive the first eight of a new series of public talk outlines. The material is timely and practical, directly affecting the lives of those who attend the meetings. The outlines are in large print, so they require no retyping. We recommend that you work these talks into your schedule during August, September and October.

FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	716	146.2	61.8	5.8	150.7
Pios.	14,488	96.9	39.3	3.4	101.1
Temp. Pios.	5,956	82.3	27.9	1.6	84.2
Pubs.	415,299	9.9	4.8	.5	13.1
TOTAL	436,459				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,753

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1973
460,063 Publishers

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

In Business Territory

1 Has the business territory of your congregation been worked recently? Many businessmen and women are seldom contacted at their homes but can be spoken to at their places of employment. Ones who work business territory advise that early in the morning, shortly after establishments open, business is usually slow and that this is a fine time to work that territory. Too, early afternoon, for an hour or so following the lunch period, there is often a lull in activity. Two special pioneers who were encouraged by the Society to work business territory that had not been covered for some time wrote: "We made special effort to work the business territory. In just two mornings, using the suggestions from past *Kingdom Ministry* issues, namely, to call early in the day, to be very brief and to use a businesslike approach, we were able to place 105 books and six subscriptions. Many of the businessmen were sincerely pleased to have us take the time to stop and speak with them. We much appreciate your encouragement to call on the stores in our community."

2 In New York city experienced publishers and pioneers are now working the Wall Street area, including every office building, large and small. Not only has a great deal of literature been placed with businessmen, including executives, but also many fine discussions have resulted. Arrangements were made to care for interested ones.

3 Businessmen and women are included among the "all sorts of men" whom Jehovah wishes to "come to an accurate knowledge of truth" and "be saved." (1 Tim. 2:4) It is suggested that the field overseer of each congregation work out arrangements for the congregation's business territory to be covered. Ones who share in this work, doing so with full reliance on Jehovah, can be confident of his blessing.

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be signed by the presiding overseer and sent to the convention city (not to the Society). Please advise the volunteer service department of any change in your plans.

11 To reap the bountiful spiritual benefits from the assemblies, we need to be in our seats when the sessions begin and make every effort to stay for the entire program, including the closing prayer. The changes in the session times should enable everyone to do this.

12 How we conduct ourselves while attending assemblies is very important. Not only does it make things pleasant for others, but it can serve as a fine witness to outsiders. (1 Pet. 2:12) Certainly it is refreshing to see and be with those who manifest love and consideration even when they are a little tired or must wait a few minutes to be served. Parents can aid by keeping their children with them at all times. In fact, all of us may find it helpful to review the article "Showing Love for One Another at Assemblies," in the June 15, 1970, *Watchtower.* As all of us strive to reflect the fruitage of God's spirit, we will enjoy many blessings at the "Divine Victory" Assembly.

Serving with Sense of Urgency! (*Cont'd*)

7 Of course, we appreciate that literature distribution is just one part of our preaching work. There is a real need to follow through on interested persons with return visits and home Bible studies. Many have found that temporary pioneering has aided them to have a fuller share in this. A brother serving in the South commented: 'As a temporary pioneer last month I started six Bible studies, and thus far this month four more.' Asked if he was doing anything extraordinary to start studies, he replied: 'No, I just let people know that the purpose of our ministry is to study the Bible with them.' He located so many interested persons as a temporary pioneer that he took up the regular pioneer service to care for them.

8 While we may not be able to be regular pioneers, can we individually share more fully in Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making? Feeling the urgency of the times as we do, we will want to do all that our circumstances reasonably permit in working alongside the 'king's secretary,' Jehovah's anointed ones, in marking the foreheads of honest-hearted ones. (Ezek. 9:4) As we do so, Jehovah will bless us richly.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆The Gonzales Congregation of Louisiana was started January 1, 1972, with 27 publishers. It now has 65 publishers and three pioneers. Over 100 attend public meetings. The congregation has just completed building a new Kingdom Hall.

◆D. Adams served the Canada and Newfoundland branch offices as zone overseer in March. He spoke to two groups totaling 5,892 in Toronto and to 157 in St. Johns.

◆On a zone trip to Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Netherlands Antilles, Jamaica and Bahamas, R. Wallen spoke to a total of 20,255, including 10,558 in Venezuela.

◆The Philippines report a publisher peak of 56,740. Attendance at district assemblies came to 86,914, with 2,540 baptized.

◆Nigeria (with 82,852 publishers) reports 211,896 attended their 22 district assemblies; 5,808 were baptized.

◆Hong Kong's 269 publishers used four-day vacation for Chinese New Year to preach; they averaged 40 magazines and 17 hours each during February.

Question Box

● When a person is given either a private or a public reproof for unchristian conduct, are terms or requirements then imposed that the individual must comply with?

No, neither one privately reproved by the judicial committee nor one publicly reproved is given certain terms to comply with (as if he were on a form of "probation"). It is simply required that he conduct himself in harmony with Bible principles, as the others in the congregation do. The judicial committee may strongly recommend that the individual discontinue certain habits or associations that could lead to a repetition of the wrongdoing, and, in accord with the individual's needs, will give spiritual assistance and encouragement.

When there has been serious wrongdoing, even though the reproof is not announced, any weight of responsibility in the way of special assignments in the congregation would be removed from the individual. ("or," p. 167) When one is publicly reproved, the congregation would be advised as to what privileges have been removed. ("or," p. 169) When the individual gives evidence of regaining his spiritual strength and stability, privileges can be gradually restored. The same applies when a disfellowshiped person is reinstated. ("or," p. 177)

If one who, for serious wrongdoing, was given either a private or a public reproof moves to another congregation before privileges have been fully restored to him, the judicial committee of the congregation to which he moves will determine when the gradual restoration of privileges may fittingly be made. ("or," pp. 169, 170) Any further serious violation of God's Word, of course, would be handled by the judicial committee where the individual now associates.

★ Have You Made Arrangements to Attend an Assembly? ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JUNE 1973 "But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5. VOL. XVI NO. 6

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

It is thrilling to see the news that has been coming in to Brooklyn from all parts of the earth in recent weeks. Reports from the branches indicate one new peak of publishers after another! We counted such peaks for at least fifty-three lands, along with ours, in March!

New publisher peaks were reached in Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, British Isles, Canada, Colombia, Greece, Haiti, Ireland, Israel, Korea, Mexico, Nicaragua, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. Finland had its third peak for the service year. Germany exceeded 91,000 publishers (91,068). Italy had an 18.1-percent increase over last year's average; the Netherlands, with their fifth peak of the year, reached 11.4 percent; Spain, 19 percent, with 18,722 publishers. Other examples are Ivory Coast, 18 percent; Korea, 16.2 percent, and Puerto Rico, 14 percent. Japan, with a 24-percent increase, reported 16,274 publishers, and their 68th month of consecutive publisher peaks! As the end draws near, Jehovah is indeed 'speeding up' the increase!—Isa. 60:22.

Along with these peaks in number of publishers, many of these lands averaged 11 hours or more. Italy averaged 13.6, and Peru, 16.1 hours. Love for Jehovah should move all of us to exert ourselves, whole-souled in his service.

The work is not slowing down. It is on the increase in ever so many lands.

The "Divine Victory" International Assemblies will soon begin. They should do much to strengthen all of us for what lies ahead in the grand work that God has given us to do. We hear that 480 missionaries plan to attend assemblies in the U.S. Also large delegations plan to come to assemblies here from England, Germany, France, the Netherlands and Scandinavian countries. We have a blessed spiritual feast ahead of us. Don't miss any of it!

We send you our warm love.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Readily Sharing Our Hope

New Peak of 446,311 Publishers Share

1 How delighted we were to see 446,311 sharing in the field ministry in March! This is 9,852 more than our previous all-time publisher peak in February, and an increase of exactly 22,000 publishers over last March. And what fine enthusiasm was shown for the Lord's work! Over a million hours more were devoted to the field ministry this March than a year ago. And 1,863,718 more magazines were placed and over 100,000 more return visits were made than in March 1972. What fine evidence this is of our confidence in the marvelous hope that God has given us and of our readiness to share it with our fellowman!

2 During June all of us will have splendid opportunities to demonstrate our readiness to share with others the source of our hope. We will be offering the *New World Translation* and *Listening to the Great Teacher* on a contribution of $1.25. The Bible can be featured whenever possible, but if persons say they have a Bible and are not interested in obtaining another one, you can offer the *Great Teacher* book alone. Its simplicity of expression and yet depth of thought will appeal to many adults and children alike.

3 As for sermon suggestions in connection with the offer, you may want to use John 17:17 and John 8:32 in combination or singly as the circumstances dictate. If a warm, friendly greeting is exchanged and some comment is made about the great need to hear the truth, as well as to speak the truth, it may be possible to read and perhaps discuss briefly either one or both of these scriptures. The majority of us have offered the *New World Translation* before, and we may have found a particularly successful presentation that we want to use. In this connection, one sister from New York State wrote recently about what she found effective:

4 "After giving the sermon, when offering the *New World Translation*, I would ask the householder, 'How much do you think a person can get a Bible like this for?' They would say $5.00 to $10.00. Even if they would reply that they didn't know, I would tell them what others had said. When I told them that they could have a copy for only $1.00, you could see the amazement on their faces. Many said right away: 'I'll take it.' 'How do you do it?' And this would then provide opportunity to explain our Bible study program and the printing operation of the Society."

5 To help each one of us to feature God's Word in our field ministry, the Society has provided something special. It is a four-page folder that nicely describes the Bibles that we have available for the public, as well as a few of our Bible study aids. No doubt you have received your copy of this folder and have had opportunity to examine it. Only one per publisher is being provided; it is for your individual use. Please keep in mind that there will be no replacement, so take good care of yours. You may want to enclose it in some sort of protective covering.

6 Obviously, we cannot carry with us samples of all the Bibles and Bible study aids we have to offer. But we can show this folder, and a person can pick the publication he desires and we can bring it to him. Display it freely. Many honest-hearted ones may want the large-print *New World Translation*, available for $5.00, or the *Kingdom Interlinear Translation* for $2.00. There are also many other English as well as foreign Bible translations that can be obtained from the Society. And if people say they do

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★ Proving Ourselves Men of God's Goodwill. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING JUNE 10

7 min: Song 100. Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: "Readily Sharing Our Hope." Questions and answers. Briefly discuss and/or demonstrate various ways in which new folder listing Bibles available from Society may be used.

20 min: Displaying Genuine Love for One Another at Christian Assemblies. Chairman: Brief introduction to material should include some comments on displaying genuine love and Christian hospitality toward one another at assemblies this summer. What we do, how we act, can be a powerful influence for good or can cause disappointment, even stumbling some. After very brief introductory comments proceed to ask the following questions, letting brothers look up scriptures, commenting on them and applying them to our conduct at Christian assemblies. (1) What do Christian assemblies provide for us in these momentous days? (Rom. 1:11, 12; Heb. 10:24, 25) (2) What quality primarily should we display if we are to be identified as Christ's disciples? Why do you so answer? (John 13:34, 35) (3) How do Bible principles show that we should conduct ourselves with respect to waiting in line for food or for releases at a literature counter? (1 Cor. 10:24; John 15:12, 13) (4) When it comes to seat saving, what Bible principles should guide our outlook and decisions? (Heb. 13:1, 2; Phil. 2:3, 4; 1 Cor. 13:4, 5; Col. 3:13) (5) What would we do if newly interested ones came to our house to learn about the Bible and the entire family was seated, occupying all the chairs at the table? Would we just tell them that they would have to stand, or would some of us help them to be seated? (Rom. 12:10; 1 Pet. 4:9) (6) How can we aid elderly people to enjoy assemblies? How can children make the assembly more enjoyable for their parents? (Lev. 19:32; Ex. 20:12) (7) Why is setting a good example at assemblies of great value to fellow believers, new ones and worldly observers? (1 Pet. 2:12; 2 Cor. 6:3, 4)

3 min: Accounts report.

10 min: Concluding comments. Include field service report. Song 94.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 17

10 min: Song 109. Family discussion of text and Branch Letter.

10 min: Talk by field overseer. "Challenging, Yet Rewarding, Territory." Outline definite arrangements made to cover thoroughly any business territory locally. Adapt information and timing to congregation's circumstances.

10 min: "Are We Missing Any Opportunities?" Question-and-answer coverage by Bible study overseer encouraging brothers to be alert to start studies at every opportunity.

20 min: "Serving Jehovah Wholesouled." Talk based on material in "Organization" book, page 132, paragraph 3, to page 134, paragraph 3, inclusive, and question-and-answer coverage on material under subheading "Serving Where the Need Is Greater." Highlight scriptures and commend congregation for progress made. Proportion material according to local circumstances.

10 min: Concluding comments. Cover main points in "What Should Be Done?" Song 63.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 24

10 min: Song 57. Introduction, text and comments. Consider Theocratic News.

15 min: Upbuilding talk by a pioneer, if possible, or one who has served as a pioneer on "Organization" book material, page 135, paragraph 4, to page 141, paragraph 4, inclusive.

10 min: "Question Box." Consider by questions and answers.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the Right Approach." Discussion, also demonstration of appropriate points in paragraphs 2 to 4. Have comments made on benefits of proper approach. Appropriate introductions can be suggested for use with the bound book offer for July.

10 min: Concluding comments. Include suggestions on presenting July offer and starting studies. Discuss any plans for July 4 service activity. Song 117.

WEEK STARTING JULY 1

(Provide meeting of own choice or, if necessary, cancel this or any other meeting due to assemblies. Presiding overseer should determine what adjustments need to be made in program during June or July.)

WEEK STARTING JULY 8

7 min: Song 64. Introduction, text and comments.

40 min: Stimulating review of "Divine Victory" assembly program. The brothers handling this part should be assigned well in advance of the assembly. One brother may serve as chairman, getting reports from various ones on how the program helped us to appreciate and improve our relationship with Jehovah, new thoughts gleaned from principal one-hour discourses, counsel concerning the way we are using our lives, the effect of what we learned as to our field ministry, any outstanding experiences, etc.

13 min: Concluding comments. Talk on June 15, 1973, "Watchtower" article "Motivated by a Godly Conscience." Song 91.

Are We Missing Any Opportunities?

1 Are we missing any opportunities to do what? To start Bible studies! As we work our territory more often, there is a need to exercise even greater discernment in speaking with those we meet. No matter in what feature of the field ministry we may be engaged, it is good to be ready to adapt our presentation so as to start a study then and there.

2 When one sister observed that a householder was showing more than the usual interest in the good news, she adjusted her presentation and explained our free Bible study program. The householder was surprised and asked, "Do you mean I get another chance?" She then explained that someone had called on her several years earlier and she had refused to study at that time because she was pregnant. This time the study was started.

3 When a householder already has our literature, has friends or relatives who are Jehovah's witnesses, and as a result has some interest in our work, often a study can be started on the first call. In fact, if the person has one of our publications, why not simply suggest he locate it and then show him how easily he can learn about Jehovah and his purposes. Arrangements can be made to call back later and continue the discussion. You may decide whether it would be best to mention "our Bible study program" at that time or to wait until the study is under way.

4 One publisher met a man who had relatives who were becoming interested in our work and, after getting acquainted with the situation, the publisher answered a few questions and started a study in the *Truth* book, which the man had obtained already. It was not necessary to offer any literature, only the Bible study.

5 Whether in magazine work, using the regular offer in house-to-house work, or witnessing on the street, seize every opportunity to start a study immediately.

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not want a Bible, we can show them the folder's description of *Aid to Bible Understanding* or "*All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial*," which they may be interested in obtaining.

7 What should we do if, in our field ministry, we come to a clergyman's house? Should we pass it by? No. Some of those men too have accepted the truth. You might show him the special folder, pointing out one of the Bible translations that you think he would enjoy, or perhaps *Aid to Bible Understanding* or the book *Is the Bible Really the Word of God?* These are excellent publications, and he may want one of them. (Acts 6:7) Clearly, we do not want to overlook anyone in our public ministry.

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What Should Be Done?

1 What should be done when an elder or a ministerial servant moves to another congregation and the body of elders there wants to use him as an elder or a ministerial servant? The governing body has asked that the entire body of elders in the congregation to which he moves make inquiry of the entire body of elders where he was appointed and had served. In other words, it is not merely a matter of the current committee making the recommendation, but the entire body of elders should make the recommendation. The recommendation can be sent in by the committee, but the full body of elders is to be consulted and should register its approval of the brother being recommended as an elder or a ministerial servant in their congregation. They should await a letter from the governing body making the appointment before any announcement is made.

2 If someone serving as an elder or a ministerial servant commits a serious wrong and is put under restrictions by the judicial committee he is no longer irreprehensible or free from accusation and thus he loses his privileges and his status as an elder. (1 Tim. 3:2, 10; Titus 1:6, 7) This, of course, is announced to the congregation, and the notification of this should be sent to the branch office so that the records there can be adjusted accordingly. (Pages 157, 158, 170, *Organization* book.)

3 However, what should be done when there is a question regarding the brother's qualifications and the body of elders decides to recommend one's removal as an elder or a ministerial servant? The body of elders should discuss matters thoroughly with the one whose qualifications are in question, decide what they are going to recommend to the governing body, and furnish briefly the reasons for their recommendation and the facts on which their decision was based. They should, however, await notification from the governing body as to whether this brother is being retained or deleted before making any announcement.

4 In every case where an appointed elder or a ministerial servant moves or is disqualified for some reason, the governing body should be notified. If you know to where he has moved, please advise the Society, as this information is very helpful. If the brother was serving on the committee, then let the Society's office know who will be caring for the position on the committee.

Challenging, Yet Rewarding, Territory

1 Some have asked for more details in connection with working business territory. We are pleased to offer some suggestions, which we hope will help you to meet the great challenge that is represented in the vast amount of unworked business territory in some areas.

2 To get business territory worked on an organized basis, it is recommended that the city overseer, with the cooperation of the presiding overseers and circuit overseers (for these areas), make up a list of names of pioneers and publishers who want to work business territory and who likely would be successful therein. We all appreciate that, as pointed out at 1 Corinthians 12:5, "There are varieties of ministries." Some, because of background and experience, would be more effective than others in this "ministry."

3 In preparation for this activity a special meeting may be arranged with all those selected to work business territory. A few weeks prior to this meeting it would be advantageous to have several qualified brothers and sisters work in the main business district, giving preference to some of the larger office buildings. A review of the March 1971 and May 1973 issues of *Kingdom Ministry* will aid them. In New York city some of the circuit overseers and a district overseer spent several days working a sampling of business territory, concentrating mainly on the large office buildings. Periodically, they exchanged ideas on approaches that proved effective, made notes of problems encountered and how these were handled, as well as experiences they had. This experience proved valuable in connection with a meeting to launch this program.

4 For the special meeting to set this program in motion, a program could be worked up under the direction of the city overseer. Those who initially worked business territory can relate experiences, realistically feature demonstrations, discuss ways of approaching business and professional people that met with success and talking points that appealed to persons in this type of territory. Thereafter, any questions that the publishers and pioneers have can be handled.

5 Prior to this meeting the various congregations that hold business territory not being worked will, through their field overseers, have worked up territory maps for the business territory, making them available after this meeting, and these territories can be checked out before the brothers leave the meeting. Thereafter, an arrangement can be worked out locally so that territories can be systematically and appropriately checked in and out. It is hoped that this territory will be worked at least once a year.

6 We might add that the experiences of the brothers here in New York city have shown generally that it is not advisable to try to talk to everyone in an office or to every individual in a certain building. In many cases it is best to ask for particular individuals where their names appear listed in directories in the lobby, on individual floors or on the doors leading to their offices. Sometimes, one might find it necessary to ask for the office manager. If referred to a person in charge, it is proper that he be approached with the message. In a tactful, straightforward way explain what you are doing. Then offer the subscription or other

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MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	711	147.2	61.3	5.8	160.5
Pios.	14,669	103.3	41.6	3.4	116.2
Temp. Pios.	10,985	83.1	28.4	1.6	94.7
Pubs.	419,946	10.9	5.2	.6	15.9
TOTAL	446,311				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,647

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1973
460,063 Publishers

Announcements

◆ Literature offer for June: *New World Translation* and *Great Teacher* book, $1.25. Other Bible translations printed by the Society as well as the *Aid* book and *"Make Sure"* may be offered to interested persons. July: *Truth* book, 25c. (*Great Teacher* or *Evolution* book can be offered where people have *Truth* book.) August: *Great Teacher* book, 25c. September: *Evolution* book, 25c.

◆ Is it possible that you could temporary pioneer sometime this summer? If so, discuss the matter with your presiding overseer.

◆ Have you sent in your personal subscriptions for *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* yet? If not, we invite you to do so during June.

◆ New publications available:
Is the Bible Really the Word of God? —Vietnamese

◆ Again available in U.S.A.:
From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained —Arabic, Italian

◆ Out of stock in U.S.A.:
What Has Religion Done for Mankind? —English
"Your Will Be Done on Earth" —English
Cruden's Concordance —English

◆ The folders *What Do You Really Know About God?* and *Would You Like to Understand the Bible?* are both out of stock.

◆ We now have *The New American Bible* in stock. It is a modern-English Catholic Bible published in 1970; 1468 pages, size 9½" x 6¾" x 1¾". Publisher rate is $6.95, and pioneer rate is $4.35. We no longer will be filling orders for the Catholic *Douay* Version.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

With the Right Approach

¹ Personal motivation and an effective approach are important aspects of a house-to-house presentation. It is important to keep clearly in mind our desire to share in the vindication of Jehovah's name, also our deep concern for our fellowmen. It is also good to analyze our approach from time to time and determine whether we impart the kind of information that will capture and hold the householder's interest from the beginning of our presentation.

² We might ask ourselves, "If I do not gain a hearing ear, is it because of the householder or because of my approach?" In some territories, when an introduction is too general, the householder may quickly excuse himself without ever really hearing the Kingdom message. What can we do?

³ No doubt we could profitably put forth greater effort to get into the subject of our presentation early in the introduction. For example, after briefly introducing ourselves, we might mention some local or world problem and ask if they know a remedy. Or, if you feel that your territory requires an even more direct approach, you might begin by asking, "What can we do to upgrade the quality of life today?" Then when you have their attention and interest, use the Bible to show how the Kingdom will solve man's problems. No matter what the subject of our presentation, it is beneficial to have an introduction that quickly gets into the subject and arouses interest in it.

⁴ The same principle applies when engaging in magazine work. It is usually more effective to feature a specific article rather than just holding *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* up to the householder's view and offering them for ten cents. Apart from special issues, the covers on the magazines reflect little change—but their contents do, every issue. So if we draw attention to a title and say something about the article that will quickly show its value, the householder may take them even if he has refused them before. If he is *interested* in an article he will not only accept the magazine, but read it.

⁵ When engaging in the field ministry, keep in mind that the message is the important thing. If we can get into our subject rather quickly, then people will have an opportunity to accept or reject the Kingdom message, rather than turning us away without really knowing why we are there.

Challenging Territory (*Cont'd*)

literature, depending upon the circumstances, time available and other factors. In large firms it may be possible to get permission to talk to other officials or key men. It is good to have your identification card available should it be needed.

⁷ Much literature has been placed already here in New York city by those working business territory. For example, one brother working several hours placed 80 magazines and 20 books in that short period of time. Those who have been contacting the business people find that they are generally courteous, and usually our brothers are well received. Since these people are knowledgeable, good discussions often result. Where persons are very busy at first, but suggest that an appointment be made (or the publisher may ask for one), it is recommended that you arrange for a later visit. This has been done with good results. Also, return visits have already been made on interested ones and some studies have been started.

⁸ By setting things in motion in the above-mentioned manner, such a program will assure that the challenge of the business territory will be met. If this work cannot be started before the assemblies this summer, then city overseers can organize this activity right after the assembly.

⁹ In addition to downtown business areas, there are outlying business sections that need to be covered, and even in small towns there are business places that are sometimes left unworked by publishers. All publishers can work in small towns covering the business sections.

¹⁰ It is Jehovah's will that all sorts of men should be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of truth. (1 Tim. 2:4) Surely we want to provide as extensive a witness as is possible everywhere before the "great tribulation" strikes.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ A pioneer brother placed 60 magazines and 10 books in two hours working business territory in New York city. One receptionist in a large office exclaimed: "You people are really working the whole earth."

◆ In an African land where the work is banned, some congregations of about 140 publishers report a total attendance of 800 at their "Watchtower" studies. In the field, publishers averaged 17.3 hours and country made a 70-percent increase in publishers over one year ago.

◆ The Watch Tower Society has gained official recognition in Vietnam. New branch office to begin operating there September 1.

◆ Many of the displaced brothers in Nicaragua have now been able to relocate and resume their theocratic activity.

◆ Toward the end of April the work of Jehovah's witnesses was banned in Kenya.

◆ Dowling Congregation in Houston, Texas, suggested that one out of each family there try to temporary pioneer in April; 31 responded, and, with 4 regular pioneers, they had 35 pioneers out of 75 publishers!

Question Box

● Are there any circumstances under which ministerial servants may be used to give public talks outside their own congregation?

It is the elders upon whom the Scriptures place the responsibility to do "speaking and teaching" in the congregations. (1 Tim. 5:17; 3:2) Wherever possible, they should give the public talks. If there are not enough elders available, even with an exchanging of speakers between congregations, the body of elders may assign certain ministerial servants to give public talks (or, possibly, to handle part of a symposium) in their home congregation.

Under normal circumstances, only elders would be assigned to give public talks in congregations other than their own. But if there simply are not enough elders available in the area, then, in order to keep the public meetings going on a regular basis, ministerial servants may be requested from nearby congregations to give public talks. If a request is received by the presiding overseer for the services of ministerial servants and the local body of elders feels that they will handle the assignment well, they may be assigned to speak in that other congregation. However, unless ministerial servants are specifically requested as speakers, only elders should be sent out to other congregations to speak.

Where it is not possible to arrange for public speakers at all on certain weeks, then it is suggested that the material in the extensive outlines provided by the Society be read to the congregation and they can look up and discuss the scriptures together. (Do not order handbills for such presentations.) In this way, whether public speakers are available or not, all will receive the spiritual food provided by means of the public meeting program.

★ Is the Business Territory in Your Assignment Being Worked? ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JULY 1973 "But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5. VOL. XVI NO. 7

Dear Publishers:

We were thrilled to hear announced at the Bethel table that 454,779 persons, moved by love for Jehovah, had shared in the field ministry in this country during April. That is our third consecutive peak, 8,468 more publishers than the all-time peak in March, and 23,600 more than last April!

And not only were there more workers in the field, but the report showed that those sharing in the work were exerting themselves. As a result, 8,237,205 hours were devoted to preaching the good news—the highest figure ever for any one month! It was fine, too, to see that 27,866 publishers put forth the added effort to share in the temporary pioneer service during the month; only once before did we have as many. And a marvelous witness was given by means of magazine distribution. There was a record placement of 11,239,822 copies—412,121 more than our previous peak two years ago!

The outstanding event in April, of course, was the celebration of the Lord's Evening Meal. How many attended? For the first time, over a million persons in the United States were present—1,046,346 in all, which is 70,113 more than last year. It is fine to see so many who show some appreciation for Jehovah's loving provisions. But, of course, attending that meeting is not all that is required, is it? The majority of those who were there need further help to take their stand firmly on Jehovah's side while there is still the opportunity to do so. Will you offer them your help?

One way that you can do so is by conducting Bible studies. During April the total number of studies dropped somewhat. Why was that? Well, no doubt one reason is that some with whom we were studying got baptized. By April, 29,557 persons had already been baptized during the service year. That's wonderful! Also, we have probably discontinued a number of studies because of their failure to make progress, and that is a wise thing to do. It gives us more time to search for persons who are really hungry for the truth. And we may find that some who have begun to attend our meetings are not yet having a personal study. Let's offer them our help.

Not long ago here at Bethel we also enjoyed a report from Brother Knorr about his two-week trip to the Orient via Alaska this spring. In Fairbanks he spoke to 497. In Japan with 677 in attendance he dedicated their new printery and Bethel home, and spoke to 12,396 at two other meetings in Tokyo and Osaka. In the Philippines he dedicated another new factory and Bethel home, and spoke to a crowd of 18,638 in Manila. Expansion is taking place, and the brothers are enthusiastic about it! On his way back to New York, Brother Knorr addressed an audience of 4,622 in Hawaii. The brothers are looking forward to meeting many delegates from abroad at the international assemblies.

During the next few months there will be hundreds of thousands of our brothers attending the "Divine Victory" International Assemblies. What a grand witness will result as people of all nationalities thus unitedly worship Jehovah at his temple! By all means, put forth every effort to be among them.

Be assured of our warm love and our prayers on your behalf.

Your fellow servants,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

"Come, You People," to Jehovah's House!

1 A frequent question these days is, "How many are attending the meetings at your Kingdom Hall?" In many congregations, large and small, the joyful answer seems to be the same, "Huge crowds!" It is not unusual now to hear of congregations with 100 publishers having 150 or more in attendance at their meetings. From all nationalities a growing crowd of worshipers is flocking to the "mountain of the house of Jehovah," causing the meeting places to bulge at the seams.—Isa. 2:2, 3.

2 Are these new ones only attending the meetings? No, to the contrary, the figures show that over 680,000 persons were baptized in the past five years. This means that every four minutes around the clock a new person was baptized. To what extent the "unnumbered" great crowd will grow in the future remains to be seen.—Rev. 7:9.

3 Should we continue with urgency to preach the good news and to look for sheeplike ones? Yes, our search goes on for others who are depressed because of this system of things and who are looking for a real hope that is in harmony with Jehovah's righteous standards. Jehovah, who always provides abundantly, has given us the right instrument to use to help those of all nationalities. In July we will be especially featuring the *Truth* book in our field ministry. Over 59 million copies of this book in 84 languages have already been produced. Next to the Bible it is the most widely distributed book in the Western world.

4 We all appreciate the good results that have already been attained from using the *Truth* book, so with enthusiasm we can make use of it in the field ministry. While any of the other 25c books may be carried along and placed, it would be good to start out by offering the *Truth* book, along with the opportunity to study the Bible.

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★ Helping All Nationalities to Worship at God's Temple. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING JULY 15

10 min: Song 2. Introduction, text and comments.

15 min: Can You Make Yourself Available? To be handled by talk using material in "Organization" book, pages 141-145, on special pioneer and missionary service. Highlight willingness needed for such work, serving wherever assigned and sticking to assignment. Special pioneers or former missionaries in congregation could be interviewed to show how they have appreciated their assignment.

15 min: "'Come, You People,' to Jehovah's House!" Discuss with audience, eliciting from them practical suggestions on how they have placed the "Truth" book and started studies with others.

3 min: Accounts report.

17 min: Concluding comments. Include "Question Box." Use opportunity to discuss the implanting of Bible principles in the hearts of those with whom we study, building durable Christian qualities into the student. (1 Cor. 3:10-15) Song 62.

WEEK STARTING JULY 22

10 min: Song 48. Introduction, text and comments. Could handle text by discussion with audience.

15 min: "A Theocratic Summer." Family head discusses with family applicable points from article. Father can show need of studying "Watchtower" and "Awake!" articles such as those about drug abuse to protect youngsters against what they must face on returning to school in fall. Use material applying to local situations or problems. Include thoughts in paragraphs 5 and 6.

20 min: Letting the Magazines Help You to Teach. Important to follow up on subscription placements and on others who regularly take the magazines to stimulate interest and encourage Bible study. Be prepared to discuss article of interest with subscriber, highlighting key scriptures, if article is a Scriptural one, to encourage persons to read the magazines he is receiving. When you read an article that you think would be helpful to someone you have met, make a note to call on the person and discuss it with him. Demonstrate such calls: Using a few points from the article "Why You Can Believe in a Resurrection" (April 15, 1973, "Watchtower," page 247), show how material might be used to encourage person who had a death in the family. Another demonstration could use article from May 8, 1973, "Awake!", page 27, "Is It Right to Eat Blood?" to show Bible student who had difficulty understanding this matter that early Christians took same view. (Choose articles appropriate to local situations.)

15 min: Concluding comments. Discuss Branch Letter with audience. Enthusiastically encourage weekend field service activity. Points from article "The Apostle Paul—Zealous for Righteousness" in May 1, 1973, "Watchtower" may also be used. Song 55.

WEEK STARTING JULY 29

13 min: Song 49. Introduction, text and comments, along with Theocratic News items.

12 min: "Organization" book, page 145, paragraph 2, through page 147. Elder discusses material with two brothers, one who is in a position to apply for Bethel and another whose family responsibilities will not allow him presently to serve thus.

15 min: Using the "Great Teacher" Book. Discuss with audience how "Great Teacher" book may be used in August. Demonstrate brief scenes of using different chapters. For example, in talking to a parent one could use Chapter 23, "The Blessing of Work," showing that the attitude of many young people today is to get something for nothing. Jesus worked and taught his disciples to be workers. Another might demonstrate placing the book by using Chapter 32, "Happy Are the Peaceable," to show how youngsters can be taught to avoid becoming involved in violence.

Make part practical, applying to local circumstances and situations. May wish to have audience relate presentations they have found practical in placing "Great Teacher" book.

20 min: Enthusiastic talk reflecting on new things learned at the "Divine Victory" International Assembly that the elders feel would be of particular benefit to the congregation. Also concluding comments. Song 66.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 5

10 min: Song 82. Introduction, text and comments.

15 min: Talk on "Will You Make the Effort to Be Honest?" covering material in the May 15, 1973, "Watchtower."

10 min: "A Smooth Transition." Might have an elder discuss the information in the article and what can be done locally to see that the work is carried on efficiently, not only by them, but also by any ministerial servants who may be taking on new positions in September.

15 min: Presenting the Good News. Question-and-answer coverage, with emphasis on how the material can be applied in a practical way in the congregation's territory.

10 min: Concluding comments. Some items from Announcements. Song 68.

A Smooth Transition

[1] Nearly a year has passed since the elder arrangement went into effect and many have been the blessings resulting from it. Appreciative elders have taken their responsibilities very seriously and have looked well to the spiritual condition of the congregations.

[2] In September there will be a rotation of the elders, with each one moving to the position of oversight that he will be holding during the coming year. The one currently serving will do well to help the new overseer to learn his responsibilities. His spiritual responsibilities he should understand, but help may be needed with the correspondence, records and business affairs of the congregation. For example, the presiding overseer can acquaint his replacement with the material in the congregation files. He should discuss with him the financial situation of the congregation and aid him to know what debts, if any, the congregation has, either to the Society or to individuals. Any correspondence that needs to be handled in regard to such situations or other matters should be discussed so that these may be properly looked after. This is also true of disciplinary problems currently being handled. It is helpful, too, to give a reminder always clearly to identify the congregation when corresponding with the Society.

[3] In other departments, there should be a smooth transition if there will be a change in the one handling the literature, territory or other responsibilities. Whether there will be a change is up to the local elders to decide. (See the *Organization* book, page 68, paragraph 4.) The *Cost List*, with its excellent information on ordering magazines and other literature, can be considered together, along with any other appropriate material, such as that on the handling of subscriptions. The one formerly doing the work should kindly make himself available to explain matters later on in case assistance is required.

[4] We know, too, that all in the congregation will benefit as they cooperate with the elders and are helpful to them so that they in turn may look well to spiritual interests. (Heb. 13:17) Many of the elders have been called upon to conduct at least one, and sometimes two, congregation book studies each week, and so, here again, wholehearted cooperation and assistance from the publishers in those groups, supporting the meetings as well as the field service arrangements, can lighten the load of the elders.

[5] As these "older men" and ministerial servants take up their new responsibilities in the congregation, we look forward to receiving added blessings as each contributes his gifts and talents to the congregation in his new position.

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A Theocratic Summer

¹ The summer months for many bring very happy times. There are vacation periods, longer daylight hours, pleasant weather and, in general, more opportunities to do things one enjoys. At the same time, we do not want to forget that "the time left is reduced . . . for the scene of this world is changing." (1 Cor. 7:29-31) We are living in momentous times, times of change, in fact, the time of the end for this system of things.

² Obviously, then, even our "free time" should be used wisely and purposefully. And, as you think back over previous summers and vacation periods, what has there been that you enjoyed the most? Many will think about theocratic activities such as working territory that had not been worked often, either isolated or in the congregation's own territory, temporary pioneering, visiting congregations while on vacation, attending conventions, meeting new brothers, getting Bible studies started, etc.

³ Would it not be good to plan ahead to use wisely and in the best interests of the family the time we have available? For example, summer can be a fine time to study even more together as a family. You may find that having mealtime reports of a few minutes on interesting subjects read in the Society's publications will be of spiritual benefit. Each member of the family may wish to set a goal to read a certain amount each day in the Bible or the Society's publications, and then the points learned could be discussed together. Surely this would deepen spiritual thinking with a view to becoming better representatives of your congregation.

⁴ How good it is, too, when a family can work together in the field ministry. Could a member of your family be a temporary pioneer? If so, then other members of the family could arrange to work with the temporary pioneer from time to time, enjoying companionship in the service. Many who are today regular pioneers, missionaries or in Bethel service came from families where the parents gave the field ministry a high priority in their lives and encouraged their children to do likewise.

⁵ With the children free from school for a few months, perhaps parents could help them to plan a few worthwhile projects at home, such as learning to cook or sew or helping to repaint and repair the home. These, too, can be fine occasions for a father and son or a mother and daughter to get to know and understand each other better.

⁶ Wholesome recreation is also an important part of summer family life. Picnics, games, swimming and other occasions for family fun are most enjoyable. Visiting educational places of interest may also be worked into the family agenda. These occasions, too, can be balanced with the time spent in reading the Bible or studying *The Watchtower* together as a family. Too, if you are taking a trip, the Society can inform you of the time and place of meetings at the city you will be visiting.

⁷ As Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is an appointed time," and certainly summer is a good time for the whole family to come closer to Jehovah by activities designed to build up and strengthen our faith. You will find that they bring the greatest happiness as well.

Announcements

- Presiding overseers should order regular pioneer report cards (S-200) for the coming service year on the next literature order.
- Literature offer for July: *Truth* book. August: *Great Teacher* book. September: *Evolution* book. (Note: Any of the 25c books may be offered during July, August and September according to circumstances.) October: *Awake!* subscription, with three booklets, for $1.50.
- When witnessing by mail, please use either your personal return address or the local Kingdom Hall address. Do not use the Society's address. Also, please put on sufficient postage to cover any enclosure.
- *The New English Bible* (without apocrypha) is now being stocked by the Society. Publisher rate: $8.95; pioneer rate: $6.40.
- If a pioneer finds it necessary to leave the pioneer ranks, the presiding overseer should send along a brief explanation when returning the pioneer identification and assignment card. See the *Organization* book, page 140, paragraph 1.
- Again available in U.S.A.:
  - *From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained* —Turkish
  - *"Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie"* —Portuguese
- Out of stock in U.S.A.:
  - *World Government on the Shoulder of the Prince of Peace* —English
  - *"Let Your Name Be Sanctified"* —Spanish
- The Society has a good supply of 1971 bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* We will be glad to supply them through the congregations at the reduced rate of $1.50 per volume.
- Beginning in September, circuit overseers will give the public talk "Does Your Thinking Agree with God's?" District overseers will speak on the subject "Act Wisely As the End Draws Near."

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	706	146.7	63.0	5.6	166.3
Pios.	14,922	101.6	41.8	3.4	117.8
Temp.Pios.	27,866	79.8	26.8	1.4	103.1
Pubs.	411,285	10.7	5.0	.5	15.8
TOTAL	454,779				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,088

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1973
460,063 Publishers

MEMORIAL REPORT

	1973	1972
Total Memorial attendance	1,046,346	976,233
Number of Partakers	4,720	4,559

Come to Jehovah's House! (*Cont'd*)

⁵ Some will be doing their house-to-house work in territory that is seldom worked. If you are privileged to work such territory and you place a *Truth* book, try to arrange a study that you can conduct while in the territory and then keep in contact later through personal return visits or correspondence to see the progress the individual makes. You can also encourage them to study on their own. A sister calling from house to house in isolated territory was greeted by a kindly older woman with the words that she did not believe in a "burning hell." Why? Because, the summer before, she had obtained the *Truth* book and on her own had come to the realization that what she was reading was the truth. She wanted to serve Jehovah too.

⁶ In whatever territory you work you will likely find many who have the *Truth* book. Has someone studied it with them? If not, then make every effort to get a Bible study going. In most instances this will be preferable to placing another book. Too, you will be cultivating that which has already been planted, rather than only sowing more in the same spot.

⁷ In the starting of studies some pioneers report that they have had excellent success using Chapter Ten to begin their study, helping the interested ones to see right from the outset that God's kingdom is a vital force in the lives of people today. They emphasize the rulership of Christ Jesus, showing how this is an expression of divine rulership. Of course, people and situations are different, so whichever subject may appeal to the interested person may be the best one in which to start, and then, in the following six months, cover all of the material in the book.

⁸ As Jehovah continues to speed up the growth, we who are now associated have the precious privilege of helping these new ones to progress. As they develop their spiritual abilities they can in turn help others. In this way "many peoples will certainly go and say: 'Come,'" to more who will bring praise and honor to Jehovah.—Isa. 2:2, 3; 60:22.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

By Making Good Use of the Telephone

1 The commission given to God's anointed ones and shared by the "other sheep" is to preach the "good news" for the purpose of a witness and to "make disciples." (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) Sometimes, though, our efforts may be blocked somewhat by persons living in restricted places, such as retirement centers, apartment buildings or on military reservations where one may not go freely from door to door. Another problem is to find people at home, even though repeated efforts may be made to reach them. Sometimes bad weather conditions or health problems may prevent a person personally from getting out to make the calls that he wants to make. In all such situations you may find the telephone the help you need to overcome the problem.

2 In one midwestern state there is a restricted military community of about 20,000 persons within the territory of the congregation. The brothers were concerned about how they would preach the good news to those living there, so they decided to try using the telephone. They designated a page of the telephone book as a "territory" and the publisher holding this "territory" made telephone calls to all those persons, endeavoring to give a witness to each one. The results were excellent. Within a little over a month, although covering only part of the territory, they had placed 17 books, four subscriptions and 133 magazines, also made 100 return visits, started eight Bible studies and found one inactive sister.

3 When one sister called, she was informed by the householder that she was very busy, but when told, "I'm one of Jehovah's witnesses," she asked the sister to come to her home. As a result of a mix-up in appointments the householder was not there when the sister called, so she telephoned the Kingdom Hall and, in contacting the sister, informed her that just before the original call she had been praying to Jehovah to help her to get in contact with his people again, as someone had studied with her when she had been in Germany.

4 In large cities where often both husband and wife work and the weekends are used to "get away from it all," the only time such persons may be contacted personally is in the evening, when a house call might not be appreciated, but a call on the telephone at a reasonable time in the evening would be acceptable. Have you tried this?

5 In making telephone calls, be warm, friendly and tactful. One might say: "Good evening. I'm one of Jehovah's witnesses and we have been making an effort to contact all the people in the community, offering them a free home Bible study. If you have a moment I would like to explain what benefits you and your family could derive from such a study." Then, according to the response, a further witness could be given and arrangements made for a personal visit. A word of caution, though, is in order. Be mindful to keep your call brief and exercise much discernment and kindness, just as you would in a door-to-door call.

6 It would be well to keep in mind, too, that when telephone calls are made to interested persons and some interest is shown, then any subsequent contacts of the individual by telephone or in person for the purpose of giving a witness could be counted as return visits. Some who are elderly and sickly have found that they can use the telephone to initiate interest and then have the interested person come to their home for a Bible study.

7 In addition to our using the telephone to preach the good news to others, it can be used effectively to call others within the congregation who may be ill or who need encouragement, especially if a limited time schedule will not allow a personal visit to be made. These calls, too, may be brief, but if they are filled with spiritual encouragement, they may be just what is needed to build up one who may be momentarily depressed. Personal calls, whether on the public or on those within the congregation and who need encouragement, are still the best way to help people, but it is always good to take advantage of whatever alternative provisions are available to us to help others—such as the telephone.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **Three California congregations meeting in the same Kingdom Hall made April 17 (Memorial date) a special service day. Of a total of 280 publishers, 274 spent 605 hours in field service, placing 1,145 magazines. Thirteen new publishers started in field service that day, and 569 attended the Lord's Evening Meal.**
- **In the South Congregation of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 44 of 89 publishers were temporary pioneers in April, placing a total of 900 books, 108 subscriptions and 8,283 magazines.**
- **In Alaska 16 brothers from Fairbanks worked 24 isolated villages by plane and placed 929 books and 548 magazines.**
- **Surinam reports a special pioneer couple, ages 71 and 62, have worked more than two years in an isolated Indian village. Nine Indians now report field service. Despite opposition from a Catholic priest, the couple study with half the village.**

Question Box

- Should users of tobacco and those addicted to drugs, or those taking "substitute" drugs (like those on the "methadone program"), be allowed to share with us in the field ministry?

All kinds of people today, as in the first century, are coming to a knowledge of the truth and are making drastic changes in their lives. This they are doing out of love for Jehovah and in order to become baptized members of the Christian congregation. (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Col. 3:9) To help these people to make the necessary changes, we encourage them to attend the meetings at the Kingdom Hall as well as the congregation book study. We also urge them to talk to their friends and relatives about the good things they are learning. But should we allow these individuals who have not yet broken their addictions to accompany us in the public preaching and disciple-making work?

What was recently published in the June 1, 1973, "Watchtower," pages 336-343, may be considered as a supplement to the material set out in the "Organization" book, pages 128-130, under the heading "Who May Share with Us in Our Kingdom-preaching and Teaching?" Circumstances of individuals will vary, but in every case involving those not completely free of their addiction the deciding factor is whether their accompanying us in our field ministry will be cause for stumbling or not. In some cases their going along to a home Bible study or on a return visit might cause no problem, whereas going from door to door might require greater caution to avoid a wrong impression.

However, such a one would certainly not be encouraged to go from house to house on his own or to represent himself at the homes as one of Jehovah's witnesses. Neither would a field service report be accepted from such a one.

★ Fill Summer Months with Happy Theocratic Activities. ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AUGUST 1973 "But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5. VOL. XVI NO. 8

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

Can you imagine the excitement and joy here at Bethel when international assembly time comes around? How many happy reunions there are with former associates! For visiting missionaries, a stop at Bethel is a highlight of their trip. However, many of the 6,000 foreign delegates were seeing Bethel for the first time. Their enthusiasm impressed upon us the fine privilege we have in serving here at the headquarters of God's grand earthly organization.

Our hearts were warmed by the spiritual appreciation that so many of these visitors from over 26 countries showed. An East German couple, who had fled to the West, needed new furniture. But they decided, "The old couch and armchair will do until Armageddon." A chance to see Bethel was more valuable to them. All agreed that the organization here is far vaster than they had pictured. As one Colombian brother put it: "We are so glad to be here and see Bethel with our own eyes."

Missionaries and branch workers have been visiting us from India, Chile, Panama, Kenya, the Philippines, Papua and many other lands. It was thrilling to hear firsthand reports about the work in their lands. For example, missionaries from Kenya told about conditions under the recent ban, but we know they will not be able to strengthen their brothers there any longer. They were given five days to leave. Many of these missionaries expressed heartfelt appreciation for your contributions that made it possible for them to visit their former homes.

Now, as many return from vacations and from attending one or more of these assemblies, there is good reason for all of us to feel invigorated to continue zealously in our work and to apply God's Word in everything that we do, thus "recommending ourselves to every human conscience."

Be assured of our warm love and our prayers on your behalf.

Your fellow servants,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Are You Building One Another Up Spiritually?

1 The past year has seen some tremendous advances in theocratic worship and in the number of those associating actively with Jehovah's organization. With a Memorial attendance in the United States of 1,046,346, with 33,626 new ones baptized from September through May and a peak to date of 454,779 ministers proclaiming the good news, we can all attest to the fact that Jehovah has opened the floodgates of the heavens and has poured out a rich blessing. (Mal. 3:10) Now in the months ahead we want to assist those associated to grow stronger spiritually. How can we do this?

2 We can aid one another to share fully in the field ministry. Are you planning to spend additional time in the field service during this warm summer month? Had you thought of inviting others to work along with you? This would be a fine way to assist them to enjoy the blessings and happiness that come from sharing the truth with others. And during August we have such a fine offer, one that is easy to present—the *Great Teacher* book. —Acts 20:35.

3 Many who have recently been baptized still need much help to grow stronger spiritually. Are there spiritual matters that you know they need to consider further? Could they sit in on your family study, or could you sit in on theirs as you consider these matters? Do you need to continue a personal Bible study with them? If you studied with them or have associated closely with them, you know many of their spiritual needs and can no doubt do much to assist them. Take the initiative in this. Do they need assistance to share regularly in the field ministry and to make progress? Take them with you. Help them to apply practical suggestions they have heard at the service meeting. You can be sure that your working with them in the field service will be of great encouragement to them. —Gal. 6:10.

4 And, you parents, are you continuing to study regularly with your children? If your children are sharing in the field ministry, do you regularly go with them and help them? They continue to need your association, interest and training. While they may enjoy working in the service with other young folks from time to time, they need to share regularly in the ministry with you, to receive your continued direction and encouragement.

5 We also love our brothers and sisters who have been serving Jehovah for many years and who now may not be able to do as much as they used to do. Do you approach them at the Kingdom Hall? share in conversation with them? express appreciation for their faithful example? When appropriate, do you visit them? Would it help them if you read the Bible or one of the Society's publications to them? Are there some who need assistance in shopping, or someone to run an errand? Young publishers can often aid older brothers and sisters in some of these ways. Do some need help in getting into the field service? Could you assist with transportation? Or assist by working with them from house to house or on return visits for short periods of time? Would some appreciate your assistance in aiding them to share in the service by letter writing or by using the telephone?

6 There are so many ways that we can build one another up spiritually. "Keep comforting one another and building one another up, just as you are in fact doing," and may Jehovah's blessing go with you as you do.—1 Thess. 5:11.

★ Recommending Ourselves to Every Human Conscience in God's Sight. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 12

10 min: Song 56. Introduction, text and comments.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—Offering the 'Great Teacher' Book." Questions and answers. Also ask audience for further suggestions on how and where they plan to present the book.

25 min: Benefiting from the Life Pattern of Moses, a Servant of Jehovah. Audience participation. Have audience read scriptures and comment on them. Particularly call for comments on how the material applies to us and what we can learn from it.

Moses is an outstanding example of a humble, faithful servant of Jehovah. Born when Jews were slaves in Egypt. Read Exodus 1:8-10, 12-14, 22. Life of young Moses was preserved. Read Exodus 2:1-10. You can be sure that during those few years Moses' mother taught her son all she could about Jehovah and his people.

In Pharaoh's court Moses had all the advantages of the 'good life' of the Egyptians—education, wealth, "security." He knew of the struggle the Jews were having in Egypt as slaves. When he saw a certain Egyptian striking a Hebrew brother he took action and thus identified himself as being on the side of Jehovah's people. Read Exodus 2:11, 12, 15. Moses had to flee Egypt. For many years his relatives continued in slavery. Read Exodus 2:23-25.

God called Moses to use him in the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. Read Exodus 3:7, 10. Moses felt apprehensive and unqualified for the assignment. Jehovah assured Moses; he was to go in Jehovah's name and was given extraordinary power. Read Exodus 3:11-13, 15, 16. Briefly summarize Exodus 4:1-9. Jehovah reproved Moses. He gave him the assignment. Read Exodus 4:10-17. While it may not have been an easy assignment for Moses, he went. Under Jehovah's direction he led Israel out of Egypt and he faithfully taught them God's law for forty years until his death.

What can we learn from Moses' life pattern? Ask audience to comment on the value of each of these lessons.

1. We should not let material possessions keep us from doing Jehovah's will. We need to watch that educational background or financial position does not entice us to be neglectful of carrying out Jehovah's will, being identified with Jehovah's people or hesitant to step forward in their behalf.

2. Parents should follow example of Moses' mother and train their children well at an early age. Use God's Word to mold minds of your children and to fortify them. Build a deep love for Jehovah in them, a love for truth and a hatred for what is bad, so they can withstand the pressures of the old system.

3. When called upon to handle 'difficult assignment,' do not beg off. Rely on the wisdom and strength Jehovah gives.

4. Remembering Moses can help us as we handle assignments in the ministry school. Our brothers can help us and so can Jehovah if we ask him.

5. Be courageous in working territory where you see few results from your efforts. Remember Moses' assignment to go repeatedly to Pharaoh.

(As time permits, ask audience for other good lessons they have learned from the life pattern of Moses.)

10 min: Concluding comments. Include accounts report. Song 59.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 19

10 min: Song 67. Introduction, text and comments, and "Will You Be Away?"

15 min: Are You Using the "Great Teacher" Book? Demonstration: Family scene with father or mother reading and discussing the book with children. Cover the last four paragraphs in chapter seven.

Chairman: Briefly interview parents. How many times have you been through this book with your children? Why do you feel it is wise to go over the material more than once? How long do you study? (Some parents find it best to study for short periods of time and to study often.) When do you study? (Should be done regularly at convenient times, if possible.) Do you recommend that other parents study regularly with their children? Why? Are you and other family members having success in offering the book to others?

20 min: Consideration of "Watchtower" article from June 15 issue "Motivated by a Godly Conscience." This can be handled by a talk or a discussion between elder and ministerial servant, or by family group.

15 min: Concluding comments. Encourage good support of field service as individual circumstances permit. Include appropriate items from "Announcements" and "Theocratic News." Song 61.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 26

5 min: Song 70. Introduction, text and comments.

10 min: September's Offer, the "Evolution" Book.

(4 min.) Make brief comments on value of this book in the field ministry. Highlight especially chapters 12-15.

(6 min.) Call on audience to comment on how they will present it and portions of the book they will draw to attention of householder.

Ask for suggestions of parents and children on offering the publication at school, to teachers and students.

10 min: Question Box. Discuss reasons for zealous share in field ministry.

25 min: Gideon and the Faithful Three Hundred. Use audience to read scriptures, comment on them and make personal application of the material.

Gideon became one of the judges in Israel after the death of Joshua and before there were kings in Israel. Israel was not holding to true worship; so Jehovah permitted them to become oppressed by Midian. Jehovah chose Gideon. Read Judges 6:1, 7-12, 15, 16.

Jehovah called on him to tear down an altar of Baal belonging to his father Joash and to erect an altar to Jehovah. Read Judges 6:25-27. The men of the city were incensed; they wanted to put Gideon to death. However, his father countered that they should let Baal come to his own defense if he could. Read Judges 6:28-31. Though the assignment was not easy, Gideon proved himself to be an obedient worshiper of Jehovah.

When the Midianites came to make war against Israel, Jehovah's spirit moved Gideon to gather forces to defend Israel. But it was not by great numbers that Jehovah would deliver Israel. Read Judges 6:34; 7:2-4, 7. Jehovah gave Gideon further assurances. Read Judges 7:9-15. Gideon acted with faith, and Jehovah gave victory. Read Judges 7:16-22.

What do we learn from the faithful course followed by Gideon and the three hundred? Invite audience to comment on the following points.

1. Gideon put faith in Jehovah and his ability to save; we need to do this too. Israel was doing what was bad in Jehovah's eyes. Baal worship predominated. Gideon had to be very loyal to Jehovah to follow the command to tear down the Baal altar belonging to his father and to champion true worship of Jehovah.

2. We today often face great obstacles in our territory where false religion has a strong hold on people. We need faith like that of Gideon and need to act obediently in spiritual warfare.

3. Gideon was called upon to exercise further faith in that Jehovah was using a group small in number to accomplish his will. He was told to send home all in army who were afraid and trembling; 22,000 went home, leaving 10,000. The force was further reduced to 300, which left odds of 450 to 1. Gideon's obedience showed implicit trust in Jehovah. Today we face similar odds in our Christian ministry, our spiritual warfare. As we continue our ministry faithfully we, too, need to show implicit trust in Jehovah.

4. The weapons Gideon and the three hundred had were a horn, a large empty jar and a torch. Jehovah was the one who gave final victory.

Today the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. Rather, we use the truth, the good news of peace, the shield of faith, and the sword of the spirit, which is God's Word, to cut away false religious teachings and then to build up appreciation for true worship.—Eph. 6:10, 14-18.

5. Gideon's attitude about prominence is an example to us. Read Judges 8:22, 23. It is important that we keep our relative positions inside Jehovah's organization and always seek to exalt our God Jehovah rather than ourselves.

10 min: Concluding comments. Include Branch Letter. Song 116.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 2

10 min: Song 108. Introduction, text and comments.

15 min: "Are You Building One Another Up Spiritually?" Questions and answers. Audience may be invited to comment on additional ways they can build up one another locally. Mention literature offer for September.

20 min: Consideration of "Watchtower" article of July 1, 1973, "Conscientious in Doing Good Toward All" by one or two elders.

15 min: Concluding comments. Encourage the brothers to be alert to opportunities to present the "Evolution" book to all who will hear. Song 110.

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For Attention of Elders

The body of elders will no doubt want to hold their September meeting early in the month. Listed below are some matters that will need attention. (See *Organization* book, pages 67-69, 72.)

1. Are there brothers who now qualify to be recommended as ministerial servants? If so, please use the S-2 form to make these recommendations.

2. Are there ministerial servants who now qualify to be recommended as elders? (Unless a brother has moved into the congregation and was an appointed elder in the previous congregation, normally one would not be recommended as an elder now unless he has first served as a ministerial servant.)

3. Are there any elders or ministerial servants not measuring up to the Scriptural qualifications who should be recommended for removal? Are there any who have moved or died and whose names have not yet been deleted? If so, please provide this information on the S-2 form under "Deletions."

4. The normal rotation system is outlined on page 67 of the *Organization* book. If some elders are not able to care for the responsibility that would be theirs according to the regular pattern of rotation, the body of elders will decide what will be best under the circumstances, still recognizing the rotation arrangement.

5. When the body of elders has determined who will be the new presiding overseer, who will serve as field overseer, Bible study overseer, etc., announcement can then be made to the congregation. When the announcement is made to the congregation the brothers can then begin caring for their new responsibilities. However, if the body of elders has in mind using a brother who is newly being recommended to the governing body for appointment as an elder, they should wait until such appointment is received before making any definite assignment. (The congregation will not receive a letter from the Society appointing brothers to serve in various positions of oversight. Rather, the present presiding overseer, using the S-10 form, will inform the Society which brothers will be serving on the committee. The Society will send a letter covering only new appointments of elders and ministerial servants and also deletions.)

6. If it seems beneficial to shift any book study conductors from one study group to another, this can be considered. Local circumstances should be taken into consideration in determining whether this will be advisable or not.

7. Review the various assignments of the ministerial servants and make whatever adjustments, if any, may seem advisable.

8. The present presiding overseer should prepare his report on the congregation for the branch office. This should be read to the elders at their meeting in September. Then it should be typed or printed on the S-10 form and sent to the Society. A copy should be retained for the congregation files.

Brothers who are now serving in various capacities will kindly aid the brothers who will soon be taking over these responsibilities. A smooth transition of oversight will benefit all in the congregation. We look to Jehovah to bless the arrangements for the coming year to his glory and honor.

Will You Be Away?

[1] Will you be away from home during August? Are you planning to attend the Kingdom Hall in the area where you will visit? You will no doubt find, as others have, that meeting with the brothers, attending the meetings with them and sharing in the service with them will be high points of your trip. And, of course, this will keep you strong spiritually.

[2] Be alert to share in the Kingdom service wherever possible. This can be done even when you are traveling. Carry a good supply of the *Great Teacher* book and copies of other twenty-five-cent publications. Take along new and older copies of the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines. They can be left with relatives, friends and new acquaintances. One brother said that when he and his family travel, they offer new magazines for a contribution, or leave older copies of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* at gas stations and restaurants where they stop. The family takes turns presenting them.

[3] If you will not be back home before the end of the month, please mail your field service report back to the field overseer so that your activity can be included with the congregation's report to the Society for August.

Announcements

◆ The Literature Offer:
August: The *Great Teacher* book for 25c.
September: *Evolution* book for 25c.
October: *Awake!* subscription and 3 booklets for $1.50.

◆ The October 8 issue of *Awake!* and the October 15 issue of *The Watchtower* will be special issues. Please order early the extra copies you will need.

◆ The Society now has a limited supply of the tract *Life in God's New Order* in grade-one Spanish Braille available on a loan basis. You may receive this tract free of charge by writing the Braille Desk. It must be returned to the Braille Desk after completion of reading. This tract in Spanish Braille is not to be stocked by the congregation.

◆ With the July monthly statement each congregation was sent two copies of Presiding Overseer's Report on Congregation (S-10) and form S-2, which the body of elders will use in September to make any needed recommendations to the governing body for new appointments of elders and ministerial servants. The S-10 form and the S-2 form (if recommendations are being made) should be sent to the Society at the same time. It would be appreciated if you would *not mail these separately*. Duplicates of these will be retained in the congregation file.

◆ New publications available:
The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Serbian

◆ Out of stock in U.S.A.:
New World Translation (Deluxe edition) —English
The Approaching Peace of a Thousand Years —English
From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained —Portuguese

◆ Each congregation will receive two Literature Inventory forms and should take an actual count of campaign literature at the end of August. Please do not include cash items such as the *Aid* book and large-print Bible (bi8) in value of literature in stock. We would appreciate your filling out the forms and returning the original to us no later than September 6. You may keep the duplicate copy.

◆ It has been brought to our attention that in some congregations the length of the *Watchtower* study is exceeding an hour by as much as fifteen or more minutes on many weeks. It would be best ordinarily to keep the study itself within an hour, with about ten additional minutes for the opening and closing, as outlined in the *Organization* book, page 94.

MAY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	677	148.1	61.9	5.6	149.4
Pios.	15,067	102.9	40.6	3.3	102.4
Temp. Pios.	11,606	83.8	28.9	1.6	88.0
Pubs.	419,380	10.6	5.0	.5	14.1
TOTAL	446,730				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,069

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1973
460,063 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN MAY?

May proved to be another outstanding month of field service in the 1973 service year. There were 446,730 of us who shared in the Kingdom service and over 9½ million copies of Bibles and Bible publications were left in the homes of the people. And, just think, in each piece of literature is information that can help people to gain life. Additionally, 3,084,180 return visits were made and 300,255 home Bible studies were conducted. How privileged we are to be able to honor Jehovah by sharing in Kingdom-preaching each month!

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

Offering the 'Great Teacher' Book

1 "Do you like to hear stories? — Well, then, I'm going to tell you one about a man who told better stories than anyone else who has ever lived on earth. His name is Jesus Christ." Does that sound familiar to you? Those are the opening words of the first chapter of the book *Listening to the Great Teacher*. To date there have been ten million copies of this fine publication printed in twelve languages. During August we are once again going to feature it in our field ministry. Are you prepared to use it in the Kingdom activity? It is assisting young and old to learn the truth of God's Word.

2 The Kingdom activity takes in many different features of our ministerial work. We will, of course, want to use this publication in the house-to-house ministry, offering it for twenty-five cents. When you offer magazines, the *Great Teacher* book can be offered with the latest *Watchtower* and *Awake!* for thirty-five cents. Some of you will want to use it in your street magazine work. One circuit overseer recently informed the Society of an experience he had in this activity: He approached an elderly lady who was walking down the street and in the course of the conversation asked, "Do you have any grandchildren?" She replied: "I have a number of them." He took out four *Great Teacher* books and told her: "I have just what you need to help these young folks." And he briefly explained the book. She was happy to contribute for them for her grandchildren. This circuit overseer observed: 'Parents and grandparents get this book for their children, and it is just what they need to help these young folks to get on the way of everlasting life.' In a month's time this circuit overseer and his wife placed 470 *Great Teacher* books with interested ones.

3 When we go from house to house and find that in a family there are several children, why not suggest to the parents, or to the grandparents if you speak to them, that they obtain a copy of the book for each child to read; the cost is so small, and children appreciate having their own copy. No doubt many children who get the publication will want to know more about what they read, and this may open up the way for you to discuss the truth with other members of the family. Offer the book everywhere you can. Any of the other twenty-five-cent publications can be offered if your supply of the *Great Teacher* book becomes exhausted.

4 There are other fields to consider too. How about friends and relatives with children? Would you like to give them the book as a gift? You may wish to write a small message of a personal nature on the front page of the book when making such a gift. Such kindness and thoughtfulness will no doubt be deeply appreciated by many. And those who take time to read the book will be richly blessed.

5 Do not hesitate to offer the book to adults for their reading. Many will appreciate its direct, easy-to-understand language and may be aided to get a clear grasp of the truth.

6 Whether you are young in years, or an adult, keep in mind those who have shown interest and let them know that they can enjoy a free home Bible study. Many young publishers will find it possible to conduct Bible studies in the *Great Teacher* book. One young publisher six years of age is regularly conducting a study with one of her schoolmates who is seven years of age. This young publisher observed how her mother conducted Bible studies and how she used the *Great Teacher* book to read to her, so she is following her mother's example in reading it with her young schoolmate. Could some of you young publishers do the same and read the *Great Teacher* book with some of your schoolmates?

7 "Will you listen to the Great Teacher? — That is what we all should do. We will be happy if we do. And it will also bring us happiness if we tell our friends the good things we learn." These concluding words of chapter one of the *Great Teacher* book encourage all of us to share fully in the Kingdom activity now.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Thus far this service year, we have 243 new congregations, far more than the number for any previous service year. This makes a total of 6,037 congregations in the U.S.A.

◆ With just 2,591 publishers in the country, Haiti reports the astounding number of 12,903 persons attended the Memorial there! The publishers averaged 15.7 hours in field service in May.

◆ The Society's new factory in Nigeria began printing operations with the June Kingdom Ministry for their 87,701 publishers. Preparations are now under way for printing their first magazines.

◆ For the first time in its history, Venezuela reported over 9,000 publishers, and 9,241 Bible studies.

◆ During May the brothers in the Dominican Republic averaged 12.3 hours, 6.7 return visits and 1.0 Bible study, although they had a new peak of 4,602 publishers that same month!

Question Box

● If field service reports are received after the congregation's report has been sent to the Society, how should they be handled?

It would be very helpful if all reports could be turned in promptly at the end of each month. Some publishers keep a field service report in the back of their Bible or songbook or other convenient place. It is then on hand to make note of field service activity each time they have a share and it is also with them at the Kingdom Hall at the end of the month when the report should be turned in. Do what you can to turn your report in on time.

But what if you forget or find it will be late? Please turn your report in anyway. The field overseer will record the activity on your Publisher's Record card for the proper month—the month during which you shared in the service. And he will include your activity in the congregation's next report to the Society.

If, for example, a publisher turns in a late report for his activity during July and then turns in his August report on time, all of his activity would be included in the congregation's August report. Would this one be counted twice as a publisher in August? Yes, because he was not counted as a publisher in July. This will provide the Society with a complete report, and the averages at the end of the year will be correct.

Some elders have asked if there is any objection to personally approaching publishers, when this is necessary, reminding them to turn in their reports at the end of the month. Often when field overseers and book study conductors approach the brothers and remind them to turn in their reports at the end of the month, a complete report is available to send to the Society. And you can be sure that the brothers you remind will appreciate your help and interest in them.

★ Are You Helping Members of Your Family to Copy the Great Teacher? ★

Frank Sr.

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SEPTEMBER 1973 "But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5. VOL. XVI NO. 9

Dear Publishers:

What pleasure we at Bethel felt recently on hearing the final figures for the "Divine Victory" assemblies in North America! In the continental United States, a grand total of 665,945 attended the nineteen assemblies and 15,851 were baptized. And at the five Canadian assemblies, 155,788 attended and 3,838 were immersed. It was a marvelous spiritual feast! Having benefited from it, we should all feel strengthened and invigorated for a full share in the work that lies ahead.

What have you done with the new books that you received? We were encouraged to read and discuss with our families the new book *True Peace and Security—From What Source?* Many of us have been doing just that. If you have, you know why the suggestion was given. What is in that book is information that we need in our field ministry now, and if we are acquainted with it we can make the best use of it. Also, the counsel it contains affects our own lives and will aid us greatly in our efforts to put on the new personality.

No doubt many of you are also reading the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached.* What a wealth of spiritual meat it contains! It will be a pleasure to get an overall view of it in public talks later this year, and then we will begin using it at our congregation book studies early in December. We certainly have good things ahead of us.

If your order was sent in early, then by the time you get this *Kingdom Ministry* you will no doubt have received a shipment of the new books. Feel free to start using them in your field ministry. Although they are not the regular offer yet, we encourage you to carry copies with you and to offer them when you meet someone that you feel would benefit from them. Some people may ask what you have that is new. Bible students and others on whom you make return visits will doubtless appreciate it if you make copies available to them.

Before us now, in the latter part of September, is the special work with *Kingdom News* No. 16. Our brothers and sisters everywhere are organizing for this activity. We are anxious to get started. May Jehovah bless you as you share whole-souled in delivering this timely message, and thus prove that you are indeed for Divine Rulership—with its Chief Agent.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Intensive Tract Distribution

130,000,000 copies being readied for use

[1] Early in June, *The Watchtower* stimulated our anticipation for the forthcoming assemblies by telling us that instructions would be given there concerning "a special work" in which all of us would be privileged to share. Before the first day of the assembly had ended we knew what it was—intensive distribution of a special tract on an unprecedented scale. One hundred and thirty million copies are being supplied by the Society for use world wide. Forty-five million have been shipped out for use here in the United States alone. About a hundred of these are for you personally to use in your ministry.

[2] This is just what we need to reach many honest-hearted ones in the final portion of the "last days." Compared with the world's population, we are 'few workers.' The field is huge; "the harvest is great." (Matt. 9:37) Often many of us have wondered how we might get to people who have received only a limited witness. Even in territories that are worked often, many still do not really know the purpose of our calling because they have not taken time to listen. How grateful we can be to Jehovah for making available an instrument that will enable us to reach people quickly with a vital message from his Word!

[3] Right on the front of the tract an urgent question is posed: "Is Time Running Out for Mankind?" It is a question that people everywhere need to face. The answer is set out in a style that is designed to catch the attention even of people who are inclined to be indifferent. Anyone who picks up the tract will quickly have impressed on his mind the main ideas, which are set out in bold, eye-catching style. The large type and brevity of the message invite reading. Here in concise form is a forceful presentation of an urgent message.

TEN-DAY DISTRIBUTION

[4] The distribution is scheduled to be accomplished in just ten days, from September 21 through 30. Apart from your use of the packet that you received at the assembly, it is requested that none of the tracts be distributed before September 21. And by the time that you complete your field service on September 30, it is hoped that every last one will be in the hands of the public. Why is the distribution being done in such an intensive manner? Because of the impact that this will have on the public. People talk to one another, and they will soon realize that nearly everyone they know was served with the same urgent message. This will make a far deeper impression than would a gradual distribution over many months. Furthermore, we realize that the time remaining for this wicked world is greatly reduced. Opportunity for people to learn the truth and take their stand on Jehovah's side is fast running out. Because of our deep love and concern for people, we want to give them every possible opportunity, and at the same time accomplish a grand witness that brings honor to Jehovah.

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★ For Divine Rulership—with Its Chief Agent! ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 9

15 min: Song 69. Family group briefly comment on text. Then parents discuss with the children opportunities to use the "Evolution" book in school to give a witness. Discuss how to go about offering it to teachers, and when; use of it in class discussion.

15 min: "Do You Qualify for Congregational Responsibility?" August 1, 1973, "Watchtower," from start through material on "Not newly converted." Partially a talk, but involve audience freely.

20 min: "Intensive Tract Distribution." Questions and answers. Discuss thoroughly without reading paragraphs. Tell publishers that they may obtain their supply of tracts after the meeting, but not to distribute them until September 21.

10 min: Concluding comments. Include accounts report, also announcement about writing to Turkey. Song 72.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 16

10 min: Song 80. Introduction. Invite audience to comment on text.

15 min: "Do You Qualify for Congregational Responsibility?" August 1, 1973, "Watchtower," from paragraph before material on "Serious" to the end. Several brothers may discuss it together.

25 min: Tract Distribution.

(5 min.) Briefly analyze with the congregation what the tract contains. Some people will simply pick it up and thumb through it without reading everything. What impression will it make? Let audience point out the few key ideas that are made to stand out on each page.

(15 min.) "Presenting the Good News—With Kingdom News No. 16." Cover with audience participation. Have at least two demonstrations showing how to offer the tracts.

(5 min.) Outline special arrangements for group witnessing to distribute tracts. Encourage publishers to put forth special effort to distribute all their tracts. However, if some are unable to do so, request that they give the extras to their book study conductor or turn them in at the Kingdom Hall no later than the next service meeting.

10 min: Concluding comments. Comment on Branch Letter. Encourage all to prepare for discussion of organization on next service meeting. Song 74.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 23

15 min: Song 87. Introduction, text and comments. Arrange ahead of time for the ones in charge of various groups that met for witnessing during the week to tell how the publisher support was, progress in territory coverage, also any notable experiences.

15 min: "Does It Matter Who Your Friends Are?" July 15, 1973, "Watchtower." Discussion among youths.

20 min: How Well Do You Know the Organization?

There are many persons newly associated with the congregation; this discussion should build up their appreciation for how the organization functions. The following questions may be used as a basis for discussion, with the audience answering; use scriptures as time permits.

(1) What position does Jehovah occupy in relation to his organization? (Rev. 4:9-11) (2) What evidence is there that the heavenly angelic organization of Jehovah actually takes an interest in us here on earth? (Rev. 14:6, 7; 7:10-12; Heb. 1:14) (3) Who is the head of the Christian congregation? (Eph. 1:22, 23) (4) How do we show that we really recognize his headship? (Heb. 12:1-3; John 15:14; Phil. 2:1-8; w72 p. 755) (5) What is the "faithful and discreet slave"? (Matt. 24:45; Luke 12:32, 42; "Organization" book, p. 9) (6) Who are the "domestics" referred to at Matthew 24:45? ("or" p. 9) (7) What is the governing body? ("or" p. 10; w72 pp. 703, 704) (8) Which brothers are the appointed elders in our local congregation? What are their positions of oversight? (9) How do we personally benefit from their services? (10) How do we show that we really recognize Jehovah's organization and are in full harmony with it? (1 John 5:3; Eph. 5:1; Heb. 13:7, 17; Matt. 24:14)

10 min: Concluding comments. Remind publishers that goal is to complete tract distribution by Sunday night. Request any who have more tracts than they can use to turn them in so that others can distribute them. Mention that early in October we will go right back into the same territory with the special "Awake!" Song 90.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 30

15 min: Song 95. Introduction, text and comments. Also "Question Box."

15 min: Discuss the obtaining of "Awake!" subscriptions. Ask publishers how many have personal subscriptions for "Watchtower," how many for "Awake!" What advantage? Why do we distribute "Awake!" and what purpose does it serve in our ministry? How is that purpose served especially well if people subscribe? Draw attention to first two paragraphs of the article "Using the Special Magazines."

15 min: A Month of Special Magazine Distribution.

Discuss talking points from the October 8 "Awake!" Encourage working with the group on Magazine Day.

Show value of magazine as a follow-up to tract distribution. Encourage publishers to go right back into the same territory that was covered during the last ten days of September, rather than to go on to other areas. Discuss benefits of doing this. Demonstrate how to approach people, making mention of the tract. Show how to use special "Awake!" if householder says he did not see the tract or did not read it. Also demonstrate how to use it if householder voices doubts or objections about the message. Show how to work into a Bible study where there is genuine interest. Carry with you the new book advertised on the tract; some people may ask for it.

15 min: Concluding comments. Include remarks on the article "Resist the 'Tendency to Envy,'" in the August 15, 1973, "Watchtower." Encourage all to prepare well for discussion next week on "The Issue." Song 85.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 7

10 min: Song 101. Introduction, text and comments. (Might have several school-age publishers discussing text together in school cafeteria and applying it to their lives.)

10 min: Use of Special Magazines.

Comment on points from the fourth paragraph of the article "Using the Special Magazines." Demonstrate how to offer the October 22 issue to a schoolteacher who previously obtained the "Evolution" book. (Teacher says he enjoyed book; so, when offering "Awake!", student says he can have it for a full year for $1.50.)

Demonstrate house-to-house magazine offer, featuring the October 15 "Watchtower."

30 min: How Clearly Do We See the Issue?

At the outset briefly set forth what the issue of universal sovereignty is: In attacking God's law, Satan called into question the rightfulness, righteousness and deservedness of God's sovereignty. And the rebellion of Satan and the first humans raised yet another question: Would all other intelligent creatures ignore God's law if that seemed to be to their advantage? When we see this issue clearly, we recognize disregard of God's law as rebellion against him as Ruler. By rebelling against him a person sides with Satan. Does appreciation of these facts influence our daily conduct?—"True Peace and Security," pp. 52, 53.

Discuss the following questions with the audience, making sure that in each instance it is shown how the issue of sovereignty is involved and that what one does shows where he stands in relation to that issue. Encourage publishers to comment freely; read scriptures and bring in fine points from "True Peace and Security" book as time permits. (1) When would a husband's actions toward his wife and family reveal that he needed to let recognition of the issue be a greater force in his life? (Eph. 5:28-31; 6:4; Col. 3:19, 21; tp p. 168 ¶5; p. 175 ¶22; p. 139 ¶17) (2) How does a wife, even if her husband may be unreasonable or demanding, prove that she sees the issue clearly? (Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Pet. 3:1-6; tp pp. 140, 141; p. 176 ¶24) (3) What attitude and actions on the part of children toward their parents would show that they do appreciate the issue? Why? (Col. 3:17, 20; Rom. 15:2, 3; tp pp. 132, 133, 140, 141) (4) Since disregard for traffic laws (speed limits, parking, etc.) has become "acceptable" in the world, why would our seeing the issue clearly prevent us from imitating the world in this respect? (Eph. 2:2, 3; 1 John 5:19; tp p. 137 ¶14) (5) Why would one's littering and sharing in other similar acts reveal the need to consider more seriously one's attitude toward the issue? (Matt. 7:12; tp p. 169 ¶8) (6) How can real appreciation for the issue prevent one from being influenced by racial, social or national prejudice? (Acts 17:26; Rom. 3:23; Jas. 2:1-9; tp p. 171 ¶12 to p. 172 ¶16) (7) What aspects about the settlement of the issue make it urgent that we zealously share in Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making? (Matt. 24:34; 2 Thess. 1:6-9; 2 Pet. 3:9, 15; tp pp. 173-175) In concluding, reemphasize the importance of seriously reflecting on our conduct and activity. Are we working hard to make advancement in living in ever fuller recognition of Jehovah's sovereignty?—tp p. 143 ¶25; p. 144 ¶26.

10 min: Concluding comments. Song 77.

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Our Early Harvest from the Book "God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached"

In ancient Israel harvesttime was a period of great rejoicing. That happiness spread over some months, as there was an early harvest of flax, barley and wheat, followed by the later harvest of grapes, dates, figs and olives. We might use that to illustrate two provisions for rejoicing in connection with our new book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached.*

As announced at the recent assemblies, during the first week in December we will begin to study the book in the congregation book studies. But even before we begin in that way to reap the fine spiritual things from the new book, we will be able to gain much from it. This is because an early harvest, as it were, is being arranged. We will soon be moving quickly through the entire book in a series of seven public talks during November and December.

You will benefit greatly from these seven talks. Maybe you just do not foresee being able to sit down and study the entire book during the next few months. So what better way could you find to get the overall picture than to move rapidly through it during these talks? And won't that "bird's-eye view," as it were, lay a fine groundwork for your detailed consideration of it at the book study starting in December? This will make the book study more meaningful for you.

Another benefit you will get from these seven talks involves your field service. We will be placing the new book in the house-to-house work during November. Can't you see, then, how even the first few of these talks are going to help you to be more confident and enthusiastic about offering the book? You will know some of the subjects it considers and will appreciate how important it is for persons to have this information. You will even be able to mention specific parables and Bible chapters that the book treats.

Though you may not be assigned to deliver the discourses, there is something you can do in advance that will aid you to gain the most benefit from this "early harvest," the seven talks. Each one of them will discuss a specific portion of the Bible, maybe a certain parable or chapter. Why not plan to read this over during the week before the talk, perhaps as your own personal Bible reading or together with the family? Then the talk dealing with that portion will be ever so much more valuable to you. Some may even be able to read the chapters in the new book that will be covered in the talk. Do so if you can. The Bible portions and chapters of the book to be covered are listed with each of the following outlines. Each week the *chairman* should announce what will be covered the following week. Bring your copy of the book to the talks, so you can follow along.

Speakers

You will note from the following outlines that each of the talks covers quite a bit of material, from two to four chapters of the new book. Do not attempt to include in your discourse all of the points in the chapter assigned to you. Of course, it will be beneficial to read through the chapters to get the overall view. But the outline calls attention to key sections, and in your talk you are to concentrate on these.

Since the audience has been alerted to read in advance a certain portion of the Bible, be sure to work with that portion in your talk. Help the brothers to understand it and to be in position to explain the essential meaning of that portion. You can read, or have read, what seems advisable in that Bible portion. Also, there is no objection to calling attention to, or even reading from the new book, certain choice parts of the chapters you have been assigned.

You will find with each outline a theme and some indications as to the direction the talk should take. Bear these in mind in preparing the talk, as they will help to make your talk distinct. Some talks cover material dealing basically with anointed Christians. In accord with the suggestions given, help the audience to see how ones with an earthly hope are involved in the matter, how they can apply the principles in their dealings or how this should affect their outlook.

Elders, we recommend that the talks be given during November and December, if possible. In some instances other talks may already have been lined up for those months. But would it be possible to readjust previously arranged talks so that these seven can be given in those two months, thus accomplishing the greatest possible good? If your congregation has the visit of the circuit overseer, or has a circuit assembly, during November or December, then these seven talks should be fitted around such events.

Naturally, it is best if elders in the local congregation or in nearby congregations deliver these talks. (See *or* pp. 66, 95; *km* 6/73 p. 4.) Last year in arranging for talks of this nature based on the *Paradise—Theocracy* book many congregations were able to exchange speakers, and that can be done again. For example, the talks might be divided up between two or three congregations. The brother who prepares the first talk would deliver it in congregation A, the next week in congregation B, and finally in congregation C. He would be followed a week later in each congregation by the brother who prepares the second talk in the series. And so on in the proper sequence.

The elders in the congregation can work out the arrangements for these talks when they meet during September. When details have been settled, handbills may be ordered; the sooner the better.

1. A Thousand Years of Peace Has Approached (*ka* chapters 1-4; read Revelation 19:11–20:6.)

Look to God's, not men's, promise of thousand-year ruler. (Chap. 1; 10 min.) Promises of lasting, peaceful rule for mankind so common that few believe them any longer; Christians may be able to cite texts about coming peaceful rule, but why believe such? What is basis for believing? Will consider matter today. No human ruler or government has proved permanent, able to bring lasting peace. Hitler boasted he would, but failed. (Pars. 1-5) Should look to God, as his will is irresistibly done. (Pars. 6, 7, 11; Dan. 4:34-37) He foretells thousand-year rulership, mentioning it six times in Revelation 19:11 through 20:10. Evidence that Kingdom was established in heaven in 1914 C.E. and that seventh millennium of human history will soon begin shows why we have reason to believe millennial rule has approached. (Pars. 11-14, 17, 18)

God will prepare the way for peaceful rule by ridding earth of peace disturbers. (Chap. 2; 10 min.) Human efforts to secure peace by treaties, pacts and negotiations have repeatedly failed. God foretells his way of providing peace on earth—eliminating peace disturbers from earth. Bible depicts enthroned Son as one leading war to accomplish this. (Rev. 19:11-16; pars. 1-3) Is a war from God, not between nations; those destroyed have no burial with honors. (Rev. 19:17, 18; par. 5) Will even eliminate world system of political rule. (Rev. 19:19-21; pars. 14, 15)

144,000 qualified rulers will help mankind from heaven. (Chap. 3; 15 min.) God assures us that there will be survivors on earth and in heaven; we can be among them and enjoy resulting peace. How? Revelation shows peace disturbers in heaven will also be removed. (Rev. 20:1-3) Will not be around to mislead people—this suggests some will survive. Earlier, Revelation 7:9-15 had indicated that great crowd would survive tribulation. (Par. 4) Who will rule mankind? God provides rulers in heaven. (Rev. 20:4-6; pars. 8, 11) In contrast to humans who will progress gradually to perfection and life, these are resurrected immortal. (Pars. 16-19) This resurrection is first in time and importance. (Par. 33) Would you like to have such rulers? The more we know about them, the more we want them as rulers. (Par. 42)

God's rulers have proved to be promoters of real peace. (Chap. 4; 20 min.) God has selected rulers who are and will be lovers of God and of peace. (Par. 4) They are not like human rulers who tend to divide up mankind, retarding peace. (Par. 6) Mankind will be united under their rule, even have one language. (Par. 8; read pars. 11, 12.) Easy to see how this would contribute to peace. Are we already striving for international unity as Christians? (Par. 15) Anointed Christians who will be heavenly rulers promote peace in their preaching. (Isa. 2:4; par. 17) They follow pattern of Jesus, Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:6, 7; pars. 21, 43) He avoided human politics, stressed heavenly kingdom. (Pars. 47, 49) Can display your real desire to live during approaching thousand-year peace, by sharing in peaceful work he commanded. (Pars. 51-54) One thus aligns self with peace-promoting rulers, and manifests one's confidence that this thousand-year peace has approached.

2. **Rulership from Heaven—Will You Accept It?** (*ka* chapters 5, 6; read Hebrews 5:1-10; 6:19–10:25.)

Jesus and his associate kings serve to the benefit of those who accept heaven's rulership. (Chap. 5; 15 min.) Most persons were born into a nation; never had to decide to accept this rulership. Many are apathetic or critical of government because of obvious deficiencies; rulers may be greedy or dishonest. Divine provision for government is vastly different. But do we take it for granted or do we show real interest in it? Are we eager to learn about it? God's king, Jesus, unselfishly gave life for those who accept heaven's rulership; do we? (Pars. 1-3) Even David will have to acknowledge Jesus' position; will we? (Par. 6) Christ will have associate kings ruling *with* him. (Rev. 20:4; pars 8, 10) They pattern selves after his image, so will be loving, righteous, worthy of our respect. (1 Pet. 4:1; par. 12) This ensures harmonious government, no rivalry. (Pars. 15, 16) While on earth they, as ambassadors, strive to reconcile individuals to God. (2 Cor. 5:18–6:1; pars. 19, 21, 23) As ambassadors loyal to God, on earth they are not identified with or supporters of human political arrangements. (Pars. 24-27) Will be able to benefit mankind during rulership of thousand years. (Par. 29)

Rulership from heaven—if we accept it—also performs priestly services in our behalf. (Chap. 6, pp. 83-93; 20 min.) These associate rulers will also be priests with Christ. (Rev. 20:6) You may have had bad experience with corrupt priests. Priests often have deceived, misled people. (Relate Acts 14:8-19; pars. 2, 5-7.) We cannot imagine Jesus' associate rulers, with their fine qualities, being like that. Of what value is a priest? (Heb. 5:1-3) Because of man's sinfulness, we need service of perfect priest. God made Jesus a righteous and perpetual priest. (Heb. 5:4-6; pars. 15, 18, 19) Is far superior even to priesthood of Aaron's family. (Heb. 7:15, 16, 23–8:1; pars. 20, 24) Do we appreciate that, realizing what a blessing rulership from heaven thus provides for us?

Priestly service in our behalf carries right into very presence of God. (Chap. 6; pp. 93-116; 20 min.) Aaron and associate priests served in typical sanctuary. (Describe, using illustration on p. 93.) Was typical of heavenly things. (Heb. 8:4, 5; 9:9, 11) When Jesus was baptized, becoming High Priest, area of God's presence came to be Most Holy of True Temple. (Pars. 30, 39, 40) As spiritual Son on earth, Jesus was in Holy of spiritual temple, able to enjoy spiritual light and food. (Pars. 45-48) Anointed ones, like Aaron's sons, are priests. (Rev. 1:5, 6; pars. 52, 61, 62) Because of being spirit-begotten, are in Holy and can enjoy spiritual enlightenment and food. (Par. 64) Upon death they pass beyond curtain-like barrier of flesh and enter very presence of God. (Heb. 10:19-22) As with Christ, from heaven they will be sympathetic, understanding priests. (Pars. 73-76, 81) Surely is desirable rulership. You are not forced to submit to it; up to you if want to accept it. Can indicate acceptance by accepting their instruction and sharing in their work today.

3. **How God Will Prepare Mankind to Live Forever** (*ka* chapters 7-9; read Revelation 20:7–21:4.)

Millennium is loving provision to help us qualify for eternal life. (Chap. 7; 25 min.) If someone spends time, effort helping us to qualify for job or other desirable thing, natural to respond with appreciation. Associated with millennium are provisions to help us to qualify to live forever. Millennium may also be referred to as Judgment Day, thousand-year period of judging. Follows end of wicked system. (Rev. 20:4; pars. 3, 4) Jehovah has committed judging to Jesus; anointed ones share with him. Not something for Christian to fear, for judging will be in righteousness. (Acts 17:31) Even "unrighteous" can benefit. (Pars. 10, 11) Resurrected ones still not perfect, so thousand-year judgment day provides for *deliverance* from sin for those who want to serve God. (Pars. 12, 13, 20, 21) "Righteous" ones resurrected have advantage of already having displayed integrity, love for God. Will "unrighteous" put away bad habits? Provision of millennium allows for that. (Pars. 25, 26) Will give *all* first real "chance" at eternal life; heavenly judges will help. (Par. 32) God will provide instruction to help us. (Rev. 20:11-15; pars. 34, 35) Earthly "princes" will also aid. (Ps. 45:15, 16) Jesus' faithful ancestors and other men of integrity will thus serve. (Pars. 38, 43-46)

Transforming personalities with eternity in view. (Chap. 8; 15 min.) More is needed than righteous administrative arrangements; we need to be right kind of persons. To find permanent place in New Order, we must learn righteousness. (Isa. 26:9; par. 1) Chief Judge, Jesus, will lead in executing just decisions. (Isa. 11:1-5; pars. 4, 5) This will aid humans to transform their personalities, abandoning beastly qualities and characteristics. (Isa. 11:6-9; pars. 9, 10)

Can expect corresponding literal fulfillment in the animals coming to be at peace with one another and with humans. (Pars. 13, 14) Do you have jealousy, wrath, envies, prejudices?

The post-millennium test as to who qualify for life. (Chap. 9; 15 min.) Question remains, Will we meet Jehovah's standard for eternal life? At end of millennium, Jesus will turn things back to Father. (1 Cor. 15:24-28; pars. 3, 4) God will permit Satan one final opportunity to test mankind's support of Jehovah's sovereignty. (Rev. 20:7-10; pars. 5-7) Some will rebel, choosing group sovereignty. (Pars. 11-14) "Nations" that attack representatives of New Jerusalem will be like Gog of Magog who led attack on Christians during great tribulation. (Pars. 15-17) Satan, demons and rebels will be cast into second death, second type of death that entered realm of creation. (Rev. 20:10, 14, 15; pars. 25-28) Surviving mankind will then be acknowledged as worthy of eternal life, coming to life. (Rev. 20:5; pars. 31-33) Then all mankind will joyfully praise God. (Ps. 150:1-6) Jehovah's witnesses invite individuals to do that with them now.

4. **Are You Wise or Foolish Regarding Christ's Presence?** (*ka* chapters 10-13; read Matthew 25:1-30.)

An aspect of Jesus' "sign" that should move us to be alert, discreet. (Chap. 10; 15 min.) One of most frequent subjects of our preaching is "sign" of Matthew 24. Often refer to features of it to establish we are in "last days." But Jesus' "sign" covered Matthew 25 also; parables there, in addition to being part of sign, have vital meaning for us. (Read Matthew 25:1-13.) Reply was to question about time of his "presence." *Parousia* meant, not his first coming, but future presence. (Matt. 24:3; pars. 8-14) Fulfillment of parable was an evidence of presence. Bible likens Jesus to bridegroom; anointed ones are compared to chaste virgins. (John 3:28-30; Eph. 5:23-27; pars. 18, 21-23) From the start, Christians were obliged to maintain selves as virgins awaiting marriage in heaven. (Pars. 26-28) Would be identified by "oil" or being filled with God's enlightening Word and spirit. (Matt. 5:16; pars. 31, 36-38) Bridegroom was to be 'delayed,' with antichrist coming first. (1 John 2:18; pars. 42-46) Danger exists of being asleep, not alert to Christ's presence. (Matt. 25:13)

Parable's fulfillment in our day should affect us. (Chap. 11; 15 min.) Can rightly expect, after period of sleep, an awakening associated with bridegroom's presence. (Matt. 25:5, 6) C. T. Russell correctly pointed forward to end of Gentile Times for 1914. (Pars. 4, 5) He recognized *parousia* applied to invisible presence. Though he miscalculated beginning of Christ's presence, in time his associates recognized presence began in 1914 C.E. (Pars. 6, 9, 10, 48, 55) From 1919 there was an awakening among anointed. (Pars. 11-19) Nominal Christians would not accept Jesus' presence; "discreet" virgins parted company with such "foolish" ones. (Pars. 24-26) Foolish ones are in line for destruction. (Pars. 41, 42) Emphasizes our need to recognize the complete "sign" and to keep on the watch. (Pars. 44-46)

Christians need to work, resulting in growth—this is part of the "sign" too. (Chaps. 12, 13; 25 min.) Following parable in Matthew is also part of "sign." (Gist of Matthew 25:14-30) It should help us see need to work hard for God. (*ka* p. 258, par. 3) Logical to expect Christ as king since 1914 to inspect and test servants. (Par. 1) In parable Jesus committed talents to disciples. (Pars. 4-10) Talents represented potentiality for reaping disciples. (Pars. 12-15) By preaching and teaching they did business. (Pars. 20, 24, 26, 30, 35) As part of sign, can expect to see culminating fulfillment since 1914. (Pars. 37-40) Would be an inspection to see if slaves showed increase by use of talents. (Par. 45) Evidence among Witnesses is that members of anointed slave have increased talents, resulting in now over 1½ million Christians! (Pars. 52-56) Settling accounts would span some time. (Chap. 13, par. 3) After start of *parousia* has been time to reward anointed ones sleeping in death. (1 Cor. 15:50-54; pars. 5-8) They are resurrected to reign with Christ, entering heavenly joy. (Par. 14) Sluggish slave deliberately did not increase master's talents. (Pars. 19, 20) Finds counterpart in nominal Christians and those separating from God's servants. (Pars. 21-24) In line for execution in darkness of great tribulation. (Par. 29) Anointed slave determined to continue its hard work, increasing talents. (Pars. 26, 32, 33) Is course of wisdom to join in its work.

5. **Do You Qualify to Inherit God's Kingdom?** (*ka* chapters 14, 15; read Matthew 25:31-46.)

By your attitude and acts, begin now to qualify to inherit God's kingdom. (Chap. 14; 40 min.) Many today believe no one will live forever; others feel all will be saved. Both views lead to outlook that one's attitudes and acts are not important. Bible proves otherwise; are especially crucial since 1914. Witnesses have often shown that fulfillment of "sign" of Christ's presence proves Kingdom set up in heaven then. Parable of sheep and goats, a part of "sign," proves attitudes and acts now can affect whether one qualifies for eternal life. (Read verses as you discuss them.)

Son of man is Jesus, now on heavenly throne. (Dan. 7:13, 14; pars. 5-7) In time will dash nations to pieces. (Ps. 2:7-9) People are first separated. (Pars. 13-15) Would take time for personalities and conduct to be manifest. (Pars. 16-18) Parable applies now, not during or after millennium—Christians will not then be thrown into prisons; now is time of *parousia;* and parable relates to persons alive when Jesus takes power, not to living and dead to be judged during millennium. (Par. 19; Rev. 20:11, 12) "Sheep" are Christians with hope of eternal life on earth. They are "great crowd" shepherded by Lamb. (Rev. 7:9, 10, 17; par. 32) Inherit Kingdom by being earthly subjects; God had this in mind since ransomable children born to Adam and Eve. (Pars. 35-37) "Sheep" qualify because, out of faith in Jesus, they help his spiritual brothers. (Heb. 2:16, 17; pars. 43-47) Joining selves to spiritual Jews, they dedicate lives to God and faithfully serve him. (Zech. 8:20-23; pars. 48-53) They display humble attitude, pursue peace, keep separate from world, live by Bible standards, share in preaching. (Pars. 55, 56, 60) Ask self: How does Jesus judge my actions and attitudes? Is this "sign" meaningful to me? Do I show it?

Not all will qualify—will you? (Chap. 15; 15 min.) Parable shows that some persons do not qualify but receive eternal death. Why? May not have persecuted Christ or his spiritual brothers; might be their negative attitude that puts them on Devil's side. (Pars. 5-8) Is no basis for claim of ignorance as to whom anointed represent. (Pars. 11-13) Where do we fit in? How about our family and relatives? Of what course regarding them does this emphasize need? Is not a matter of no concern because of being long way off; "goats" *soon* to be destroyed at end of this system. (2 Thess. 1:7-10; par. 14) Will not experience eternal torment—a form of everlasting life—but eternal cutting off or death. (Pars. 3, 4, 17, 18) Righteous "sheep" will be protected during war of Armageddon.

Should be source of encouragement. (Pars. 19, 21) To begin qualifying for eternal life, it is clear that *positive* action is needed.

6. **The "Sign" that God's New Order Is Near** (*ka* chapters 16, 17; read Matthew 23:34–24:51.)

We can be uplifted by the "sign" that New Order is near! (Chap. 16; 30 min.) Problems and worries of today leave most persons troubled, insecure about future. Vastly different with Christians who understand meaning of Jesus' "sign" regarding our time. (Read appropriate verses in Matthew 24 as you discuss them.) Apostles were interested in future in view of Jesus' comments. (Luke 19:41-44; Heb. 9:26; pars. 3-7) When would end of Jewish system come? How would they know? Jesus outlined events leading up to destruction of Jerusalem. (Pars. 8-14) Was life-or-death matter to note the indication that destruction impended. (Pars. 15-17) When Romans encompassed Jerusalem, Christians knew end near. (Pars. 21, 22, 26) Larger future fulfillment expected, as Revelation chapter 6 (written after 70 C.E.) pointed forward to war, famine and pestilence. Applies to entire wicked system, dominated by Christendom. Have seen evidences of fulfillment of sign since 1914. (Pars. 28, 30-33) Though this means destruction impends, is cause of encouragement. Why? Note what will be destroyed. Led by Anglo-American Seventh World Power, nations look to UN for peace. Revelation shows that this peace organization will lead in desolating false religion. (Pars. 42-44) Those desiring God's favor are urged to get out of false religion, just as Christians fled Jerusalem. (Par. 45) Coming destruction will begin with false religion and include rest of wicked system. (Pars. 52, 53) Encouragingly, some will survive. (Pars. 55-57) These will be ones discerning true Messiah and gathering there for spiritual nourishment. (Pars. 60, 63) They are not discouraged by disturbances in the physical heavens. (Pars. 70, 71) Will not be forced to acknowledge *parousia* when Jesus comes to destroy system, for they already have acknowledged his presence and that he has gathered his anointed ones. (Pars. 74, 76) They are sure all he promised will occur, and look forward to preservation. (Pars. 81-83) Have we fully joined with such ones? Time to decide now.

Jesus stressed need to be alert and active, as with the "faithful and discreet slave." (Chap. 17; 25 min.) Hard to believe that persons would ignore fulfillment of "sign," but they do. As with people before Flood, most display lack of faith and ignore *parousia*. (Pars. 4-7) Need to keep on watch that we are alert and active when he comes as executioner. Ought to live each day as ones aware of the time. (Pars. 10-13) Lesson in being active and faithful during presence is found in "faithful and discreet slave." Jesus directed words to entire body of disciples. (Pars. 14, 16) Slave class began with anointing of disciples in 33 C.E. when nation of spiritual Israel formed. (Pars. 20-23) Slave began to make spiritual food available. (Pars. 24-26) In modern times, anointed as a class have provided spiritual food. (Pars. 29, 30) Even despite difficult condition of World War I, slave class continued supplying food for individual domestics. (Par. 40) After "Master" received Kingdom power and turned attention to servants, he showed approval, assigning responsibility for his spiritual things on earth. Now even have responsibility of caring for "great crowd." (Pars. 49-51, 54) Individual anointed ones turning bad become like the "evil slave," rejected by Jesus. (Pars. 59-62, 65) Even if not of the "faithful and discreet slave" class, should see need to be faithful in Christian activities. Attention to such will aid us to avoid being ensnared. (Luke 21:34-36; pars. 66-68) Thus sign that New Order is near will mean eternal blessings for us.

7. **When Apostates Are Gone—Peace for a Thousand Years!** (*ka* chapters 18, 19; read 1 Thessalonians 4, 5; 2 Thessalonians 1, 2; Psalm 116.)

Heed the warning—Now is the time for decisive religious action! (Chap. 18; 35 min.) Jehovah's witnesses happy that many new ones regularly associate; shows commendable interest in true worship. How important is decisive action on your part? For Witnesses, how vital is it to reach still others (relatives, workmates, neighbors) with Christian message? First and Second Thessalonians give an answer; will discuss "man of lawlessness." General outlook today is hope for peace among nations; Bible shows that time will come. (1 Thess. 5:1-3; pars. 1-3) Some in Thessalonica thought Christ's presence and "day of Jehovah" had come; Paul corrected them, explaining fulfillment was future. (2 Thess. 2:1, 2; pars. 5-8) Before "day of Jehovah" apostasy had to come. (2 Thess. 2:3; pars. 12, 13) Meant a rebellion against Jehovah on part of ones claiming to be Christian, especially the leaders. Also foretold in other Bible books. (Acts 20:28-30; 2 Pet. 2:1-3; pars. 16-25) In time men claiming to be Christian did take to selves role of leaders, becoming clergy. (Pars. 27, 31, 34) This composite "man" set himself in opposition to God, demanded reverence. (Pars. 38-40, 42, 43) Apostles acted as a restraint to apostasy, which showed evidence of developing even while they were on earth. (2 Thess. 2:6; 1 John 2:18-22; pars. 44-46, 49-51) During Christ's then future presence clerical "man of lawlessness" would be destroyed; means an end to apostates. (2 Thess. 2:8; pars. 52, 53) God lets this "man" operate, thus allowing those taking pleasure in unrighteousness to be deceived. (2 Thess. 2:9-12; pars. 59-63) Soon the end of "man of lawlessness" class, and of all apostates, will come. Just as earthly Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 C.E., Christendom and rest of Babylon the Great will be destroyed, to be followed by rest of wicked system. (Pars. 67-69) Where do we stand? Are we actively aiding others to separate from that class? When apostates are gone, will we be here? What conditions then?

A millennium of peace and other blessings for those pursuing true worship now. (Chap. 19; 20 min.) Maybe feel insecure; not sure if you will survive. With apostates earth wide being destroyed, what reason can one have for confidence of life in paradise to follow? True, that end of entire wicked system to come in great tribulation, but Jesus promised that "flesh" would be saved. (Matt. 24:3, 21, 22; pars. 2, 3) This preservation, and outlook we can have, nicely described in Psalm 116. As psalmist looked to God for life, so must we. (Ps. 116:1-6; pars. 6, 7) We need the faith the psalmist and Paul had. (Ps. 116:7-11; 2 Cor. 4:8-10; pars. 9-12) After *final* part of great tribulation, war of great day of God Almighty, will realize that God preserved us when he destroyed wicked. (Pars. 13, 14) Such deliverance into New Order will move us to appreciation. (Ps. 116:12-14; par. 17) Will see how precious to God are his loyal ones; he did not let Satan wipe them all out. (Ps. 116:15, 16; pars. 22, 24) What a joy it will be to have peace in which to express our gratitude to God by sacrifices of thanksgiving. (Ps. 116:17-19; pars. 26-28) Prospect of that preservation and of delightful peace of thousand years to follow should move us to share now in preaching, thus holding before others this prospect. (Par. 30)

Using the Special Magazines

1 In these "last days" the printed page has played a vital role in getting the "good news" to people in the "most distant part of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Knowing that Jehovah's blessing has been upon the use of the publications, we certainly have every reason to want to get them into the hands of as many people as possible.

2 The month of October is one in which we specially carry out the Kingdom work by distribution of magazines and by obtaining subscriptions. We encourage all publishers to put special emphasis on the obtaining of subscriptions. Do not hold back from offering them. There are many people who enjoy reading *Awake!* But how often during the year do you call at their home to offer it to them? Why not give them the opportunity to have it regularly so that they can enjoy every issue. More importantly, their getting the magazine regularly increases the possibility of their reading material that may stir their hearts to accept the truth.

3 The special October 8 issue of *Awake!* features the theme "Where Is This World Heading?" It is designed to answer the kind of questions that many people will have after having read the tract. If you go right back into the territories that you worked at the end of September and offer this *Awake!*, no doubt many householders will be glad to obtain it. Offer it enthusiastically. Along with it you will have the October 15 *Watchtower*, which features the timely public talk from our recent international assemblies, "Divine Victory—Its Meaning for Distressed Humanity."

4 Later in the month you will have the October 22 issue of *Awake!*, which contains up-to-date material on the subject "Evolution—Facing Its Greatest Challenge." This is current information, taking up matters that have developed since the *Evolution* book was published. It is very revealing. We suggest that, in addition to presenting it from house to house, you especially offer it to anyone who showed interest in the *Evolution* book during September.

5 There is surely a wealth of fine material available to use in giving a Kingdom witness during October. May Jehovah bless our efforts.

Announcements

◆ New Publications Available:
Paradise Restored to Mankind—By Theocracy! —German

◆ Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
Catholic Confraternity translation Bible —English

◆ Congregation accounts should be audited soon after September 1.

◆ Please order literature supplies as soon as campaigns are announced in *Kingdom Ministry*. Allow six to eight weeks for delivery.

◆ Literature offer for September: *Evolution* book, for 25c. Distribution of *Kingdom News* tracts, September 21-30. For October: *Awake!* subscription, with three booklets, for $1.50. For November: *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached*, with a booklet, for 50c.

◆ After receiving the September 8 *Awake!*, please arrange for one out of every twenty publishers in your congregation to write a letter, preferably using a business letterhead, on behalf of our persecuted brothers in Turkey.

JUNE SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	668	139.9	56.0	5.1	144.1
Pios.	15,049	92.4	35.5	3.1	93.4
Temp. Pios.	11,973	80.5	22.7	1.1	81.5
Pubs.	405,193	10.3	4.6	.5	14.0
TOTAL	432,883				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 9,594

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1973
460,063 Publishers

Intensive Tract Distribution (*Cont'd*)

YOUR PART IN THE WORK

5 Based on the number of publishers reporting in your congregation in April, the Society has sent one hundred tracts for each publisher. However, if you now actually have more publishers, or if some have moved to other congregations, in your congregation you may personally receive fewer than a hundred, or possibly more. Are you willing to distribute your entire allotment? We are confident that love for Jehovah and concern for the lives of your fellowmen will move you to accept these tracts and then, if at all possible, personally to put them all out to the public. Your heart will rejoice to have had a full share in this exciting work.

6 There is no doubt that special effort will be required on the part of each one of us. But will it not be a joy to know that within a matter of days one of the greatest witnesses of all time will be given? So would it not be an excellent time for enlarging your share in the field ministry? Many doubtless will want to be temporary pioneers during this time. If you are able to do that, we encourage you to do so. Congregations will also be making special arrangements for midweek group witnessing. And in many locations, especially where Sunday meetings are early in the day, the congregation will be invited to go out en masse to share in tract distribution afterward. Even if some are able to stay with the group only a short while, we encourage them to share with the congregation in this united witness.

WHO MAY SHARE

7 Who may have a share in the work? Certainly everyone who is already a publisher of the good news will want to do so. But remember, there are many people with whom you are studying and who are attending congregation meetings. Do some of them meet the qualifications to be publishers? Maybe they will want to assist you to distribute the message contained in the tract. And then after that, perhaps they will keep on sharing with you in making known the good news from door to door. Invite them to do so.

8 This work is not difficult. It is something in which all can share. If your health permits you to call at only a few doors at a time, do that. If you can stay out for several hours, then do not hold back. Of course, serious ill health may prevent some from doing as much as they would like to do. But surely they can hand a few tracts to others or send them through the mail. And other publishers in the congregation will gladly assist them to distribute the remainder. If for some reason you personally are unable to distribute your full allotment of tracts, then please turn the remainder over to your book study conductor or turn them in at the Kingdom Hall. Do this before the final weekend, so that others can help to get them into the hands of the public.

YOUR SERVICE REPORT

9 When you turn in your field service report for September, whether you are a congregation publisher or a pioneer, please note at the bottom of the report how many of the *Kingdom News* tracts you actually did distribute. The field overseer will send on to the Society the total figure for the congregation.

FOLLOW-UP WORK

10 After the tract distribution is completed, we encourage you to go right back into the same territories in your regular house-to-house activity, instead of working in other areas. This will give people who read the tract opportunity to ask questions and may open the way for many fine Bible studies. The Society will also notify you of any persons in your area who write to request further information, and we recommend that you follow up on these calls promptly.

11 May Jehovah bless your efforts as you share fully in this united international witness, pointing to Jehovah's kingdom in the hands of Jesus Christ as the only hope for humankind.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

With Kingdom News No. 16

1 The extent of Jehovah's undeserved kindness and mercy is great indeed. Though under no obligation to imperfect humans, Jehovah has opened up the way for people of all nations and languages to have eternal life. (Rev. 5:9, 10; 7:9, 10) Wanting all to benefit from his provision, he has put it into the hearts of his people to take time from other activities in order to proclaim the "good news" and to make disciples. And is it not an evidence of Jehovah's undeserved kindness and mercy that he has moved the governing body of the "faithful and discreet slave" to arrange for a new instrument—*Kingdom News* No. 16—to help us in reaching many people quickly?

2 During the last ten days of September we will be offering this new tract to people everywhere. The distribution will be done primarily from house to house. We are going to ring doorbells or knock and then hand the tract to people personally. This type of distribution will no doubt encourage the largest possible number of persons to give it serious consideration.

3 Our presentation may be very brief. For example, we might say: "Hello. I'm glad to find you at home. I have volunteered to share in distribution of an important message. This is your copy; it is free. [Hand it to the householder.] Please be sure to read it." Or, you could say: "This week hundreds of thousands of volunteers around the world are delivering an important message to people. This is your copy. Please be sure to read it." What you say may vary, depending on the attitude of people in your territory. In some areas you may find it beneficial to state that the message is from the Bible, or that it involves the meaning of world conditions. Use whatever method enables you to get it into the hands of the most people in their homes in a short time.

4 If the householder asks whether you have the current magazines with you, or requests a book, feel free to supply it. But our principal objective is to reach as many homes as possible with the tract. If you find someone who shows interest and would like to discuss matters further, we suggest that you make a note of the name and address and arrange to call later. Until this work is finished, our goal is to cover the territory quickly.

5 We want to deliver the tract to every building, every home, every family in our territory. However, no record will be made of those who are not at home. Instead, the tract should be left at the door so they can pick it up when they return. As you know, it should not be put in a mailbox, and it is best if it can be left out of sight of passersby. But be sure that each household receives a copy.

6 Where you cannot get into certain apartment houses or call on the permanent residents in hotels, ask the doorman or the superintendent for special permission to put the tract under the doors. He might let you do that without ringing the bells. You could also mail personal copies to some who cannot otherwise be reached. In some cases, you may choose to stand on the sidewalk outside a building to hand copies to residents as they come and go. But we will not be distributing the tracts promiscuously on the streets.

7 Along with your other territory, we encourage you to call on business places. Give a copy of the tract to the owner or manager, and, if he grants permission, you may hand them to the other workers too. During lunch hour at your place of secular work, you may also be able to hand copies personally to fellow workers. And school-age publishers will no doubt want to deliver them to their teachers.

8 Keep on offering the tracts as long as you have any available. Endeavor to get all of them into the hands of the public. But if you run out of them before the end of the month, then keep on working in the territory with the *Evolution* book or with the magazines. The September 22 issue of *Awake!* is a specially fine one to acquaint the public with the worldwide work of Jehovah's witnesses, contrasting this with the religions of Christendom.

9 By vigorous activity on the part of all of us in presenting the good news, surely a fine witness will be given. At the same time we will be demonstrating our appreciation for Jehovah's great mercy and undeserved kindness.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Belize reports that 1,099 attended their international assembly, with 34 baptized. The 517 publishers in the country rejoice that already 57 have been baptized—more than in any previous service year.

◆ For the first time in four years, Guyana had a new peak in publishers, with 1,147 reporting service.

Question Box

● Is it proper for married couples to bring their domestic problems to the attention of the judicial committee?

If a married couple have some problems, they should try to settle these problems themselves in harmony with the counsel of God's Word. However, if they are not able to do so and the problem is a serious one, it would be proper for either one or both to speak to the older men on the judicial committee.—See Matthew 18:15-17.

For example, a serious domestic problem would be the case of a man who physically beats his wife, doing her injury. A Christian should not be a smiter. (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7) Christians ought to produce the fruitage of the spirit, which includes self-control and peace. (Gal. 5:22, 23) The husband should be loving his wife as he does himself.—Eph. 5:28, 29; Col. 3:19; also see 2 Timothy 2:24 and 1 Peter 3:7.

If the evidence indicates that serious violence is involved, the congregation judicial committee would investigate the matter to find out what led to the mistreatment of the wife and give Scriptural counsel to both parties in an effort to restore peace in the family. They may find that it is necessary to give more than counsel; perhaps the man will have to be given private or public reproof. If a man proves to be a habitual beater of his wife, being without self-control and fierce (2 Tim. 3:3), and he does not conform to the Scriptural counsel that was given by the older men in the congregation, the violent man can be disfellowshiped.

If the injured wife then decides to institute some court action against her disfellowshiped husband, feeling this to be necessary to protect herself from violence, this would not be out of line with the counsel recorded at 1 Corinthians 6:1-6.

Similar action can be taken if a complaint is brought to the older men that a member of the congregation is able, but not willing to provide for his family in harmony with 1 Timothy 5:8.

The congregation judicial committee should not spy into the personal, private family affairs of others; but when persons seek their counsel they have a great responsibility to judge matters in harmony with the Scriptures and to protect the good name of the congregation. When a case is brought to their attention, they should be thorough in dealing with it and check later to see if the counsel they have given is followed and the needed improvement made. The older men seek to correct things that are defective, including serious domestic problems brought to their attention.—Titus 1:5.

★ Let's Get All the Tracts Out to the Public. ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OCTOBER 1973 "But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5. VOL. XVI NO. 10

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

During recent months we here at Bethel have experienced in many ways the reality of our international brotherhood. It has really been heartwarming. Not only did we have many visitors from other lands, but some of us were able to attend assemblies in other lands and thus enjoy delightful companionship with the brothers there.

A number of us were at assemblies in Europe, where the combined attendance for all conventions was 502,494. It was thrilling to see tens of thousands there who have embraced the truth in the past few years and to feel their zeal and enthusiasm for pure worship. It was also a pleasure to meet brothers who had endured faithfully for many years, some during the Hitler era. Years of deprivation and imprisonment had not dampened their determination to spread the "good news." Their faces beamed with inward joy and appreciation.

Encouraging, too, was the hospitality of the brothers. Hosts went out of their way to make things comfortable, giving of themselves as would loving parents and children to members of their own families.

Those of us who got to the conventions in the Orient saw evidence of the same spirit of Christian brotherhood among the 77,331 at the various assemblies there. The saying goes that "East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet." But not so among God's people. Missionaries from Western lands enjoy a splendid relationship with their Oriental brothers. Deep love for Jehovah has indeed caused East and West to meet.

Some of us were among those who toured the Bible lands, and we too had delightful experiences. Visiting sites from Mount Hermon in the north to Beer-sheba in the south made the Biblical events associated with them come to life in our minds. And we could appreciate more fully the great effort that Jesus, Paul and others put forth in accomplishing their ministry—most of it on foot. What a fine example they set for us!

Though the assemblies are now past, their effect should stimulate all of us to appreciate the gift of Kingdom work that is ours. To all of you we send our warm Christian love.

Your fellow servants,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Appreciating the Gift of Kingdom Work

[1] Work is indeed a gift. Not one of questionable value but one that has been proved to be of value. It is well known that a reasonable amount of physical labor brings a wide variety of benefits to both mind and body. This being true of ordinary work, how much truer of Kingdom work, which produces results that can last forever. Here is a gift of surpassing excellence.

[2] Yes, what a privilege to be dedicated to the Sovereign of the universe and assigned a share in the final work of preaching the good news and making disciples. (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) This work deserves our whole-souled participation. (Col. 3:23) By such work we lay up treasures in heaven for ourselves, and what work could result in greater good for others?

[3] During the month of October we will work at presenting the subscription offer for *Awake!* It should be our desire to aid as many people as possible to have the opportunity to become acquainted with the value of *Awake!* Having the special issues to work with during October will be particularly valuable in developing interest.

[4] When you place a subscription or even one magazine, what might it accomplish? A missionary sister in Sierra Leone, West Africa, writes: "One Saturday while engaging in the magazine work I met a retired gentleman who readily accepted the magazines I offered him." The concluding paragraph of her letter says: "He has progressed to the point where he now attends all the meetings. His next step, the field ministry, as he recently expressed his desire to be baptized at the district assembly in December." Getting the magazines into as many homes as possible is a worthy goal.

[5] Do you share in the street magazine work? A pioneer from the Netherlands says: "When standing with the magazines by the station regularly we see the same people commuting to their place of work. It's not uncommon to meet some of these persons in the door-to-door work. One lady told me she recognized me from standing by the station. She was very friendly and took two magazines. The following Monday while I was standing with the magazines she approached me, asking me to call back on a Sunday morning, because her daughter would like to know more about the Bible . . . The daughter is making good progress."

[6] Do you enjoy making others happy? Then think of the joy that a single copy of *Awake!* brought to one downhearted person. She writes from Jamaica: "My search for the truth began in June 1971 when my sister died in an automobile accident. For the first time I sat down and thought deeply about life and what it all means. The funeral service gave me no answers and I grieved over my loss very much. One Saturday in June 1972 I remember walking home and as I opened the door I stepped on some paper. There was an *Awake!* and an invitation to

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★ Appreciating the Gift of Kingdom Work. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 14

10 min: Song 75. Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: "Appreciating the Gift of Kingdom Work." Questions and answers. Could have some of the experiences read and then have the audience tell what they especially appreciated or learned. Also, in connection with paragraph 3 or near end of discussion might have well-rehearsed demonstration of "Awake!" subscription presentation, or double subscription offer, that has proved effective in home territory.

10 min: Our Accomplishments and Prospects. Review some of the good things the congregation has accomplished during the 1973 service year. Can also discuss some of the things it hopes to accomplish during the 1974 service year.

10 min: Our Tract Distribution Campaign. Report on how congregation did in distribution of tracts. How many territories were worked? Were all the tracts distributed? Discuss article "Have You Followed Through?" Might include some favorable experiences regarding people's response during distribution and also now in the follow-up work.

10 min: Concluding comments. Include accounts report. Song 81.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 21

10 min: Song 84. Introduction, text and comments.

10 min: "Are You a Subscriber?" Questions and answers.

10 min: October's special magazines. Report on distribution of October 8, 15 and 22 issues. Some presentations that have proved successful can be discussed so that others can use these ideas in placing any remaining copies.

15 min: "Can You Wait upon Jehovah?" From August 1, 1973, "Watchtower." Can be handled primarily as a talk but also can bring audience into discussion.

15 min: Concluding comments: How is "Awake!" subscription campaign going? Which presentations are proving most successful? Let publishers offer helpful comments but might have some prepared beforehand with beneficial ideas. Comment on Branch Letter. Song 86.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 28

12 min: Song 92. Introduction, text and comments. "Question Box."

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the Book 'God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached.'" Chairman can offer some introductory comments regarding privilege of covering territory with the new book and need to have share. Then can discuss with audience some of the presentations suggested. Would be good to have one or two well-rehearsed demonstrations and then some closing comments by chairman.

15 min: Our Special Public Meetings. Let congregation know about the arrangements that have been made for series of talks in new book "God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached." Remind brothers of how they can have full share in this special arrangement by reading as much of material as possible beforehand, by attending and by helping others to attend. Use introductory material in September "Kingdom Ministry" insert as basis for discussion. Point out that some will be able to read beforehand the chapters to be covered in coming public meetings, but others might be able to read only scriptures recommended for reading in advance. Be sure to emphasize how the brothers will benefit by advance preparation and attendance, and the need for all to be there. Might also make some general comments on congregation's public meeting program and seek to build appreciation for arrangement as a whole.

15 min: Concluding comments. Comment on some of the Theocratic News items. Song 93.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 4

15 min: Song 96. Introduction, text and comments. Discuss November theme, "Prove Our Faith by Firmness in Our Integrity," by covering choice thoughts from March 1, 1972, "Watchtower," in pars. 1-6, beginning on page 133; par. 19, page 138; and pars. 21, 22 on page 139.

15 min: "Theocratic Educational Opportunities." Possibly ministry school overseer could handle this. Some of the material could be given in form of a talk but can draw audience into discussion freely. Can also mention some good things that have taken place in local congregation's ministry school recently, such as new students enrolled, improved talks being given by students, increased appreciation in evidence on part of brothers in general. Possibly there are some suggestions that can be given for improvement that school overseer could helpfully mention.

15 min: "Service Meetings to Fit Your Congregation." The presiding overseer might want to handle this. He could offer some introductory remarks for about two minutes and then call two or three responsible brothers to platform to discuss major points in article. Be sure to make local application where possible. In conclusion, audience could be given opportunity to make expression of what it is that they especially appreciate about the service meetings.

15 min: Concluding comments. Comment on any applicable Announcements. Draw from audience comments regarding placing the new book "God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached." Ask what publishers have found works best in presenting the offer in local territory. Song 97.

Theocratic Educational Opportunities

1 As is true of all of Jehovah's provisions for his people, we enjoy greatly the benefits of the Theocratic Ministry School. Not only do we learn to express ourselves better, but everyone attending has the opportunity to grow in knowledge of the truth through the material that is considered. The Bible readings, life experiences, *School Guidebook* material and *Aid to Bible Understanding* assignments all contribute toward a wealth of up-to-date truths acquainting us ever more fully with our God, Jehovah, and his purposes. And now the new schedule that is included as an insert to this *Kingdom Ministry* shows that we will be covering the material in the new *Peace and Security* book. Here is another powerful reason why we will want to be sure to attend each session in the coming year if at all possible.

2 Are there some new ones in the congregation who have been thinking about enrolling in the ministry school? Possibly now would be a good time to do so. Or, others who have hesitated, though associated with the congregation for some time, might now decide that it is time to enroll. Why not approach the ministry school overseer and speak to him?

3 How are the brothers handling the number two talk, the Bible reading assignment? Possibly some could use a little help in understanding just how to do the necessary research that will enable them to make explanatory comments during the reading. Where this has been done well, both the students and the audience have benefited greatly. Usually in each reading assignment there are a few scriptures that raise questions as to their meaning and application, and the clarifying comments by the student are very much appreciated.

4 Would not this be a good time for all in the congregation to review their schedules for ministry school preparation? Undoubtedly so. If you are able to read all of the material prior to attending the school, rejoice in the good that comes to you. If your circumstances do not allow you to do so, then seek to benefit to the full from the studying you are able to do and be determined to pay attention to all the talks and retain as much as you can. If you came away with just one good point from each of the talks, just think of what you would be learning over a period of time! Yes, Jehovah has indeed arranged for tremendous educational opportunities for his people through the Theocratic Ministry School.

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THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL FOR 1974

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1974 the Theocratic Ministry School should be conducted by all congregations as follows:

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, The Watchtower* [w] and the books *Aid to Bible Understanding* [*ad*], *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook* [*sg*], *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* [*si*], *True Peace and Security—From What Source?* [*tp*] and *Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* [*yb*] will be the basis for assignments.

ORAL REVIEW: 5 minutes. The brother who gave the instruction talk the preceding week will present no more than ten questions on material he covered from the books *ad* or *si*. All may share.

INSTRUCTION TALK: No. 1: 15 minutes. This should not be just a summary of the assigned material. It should be a well-developed talk on a chosen theme, assigned to elders if possible or, when necessary, to qualified ministerial servants. The coverage should not be superficial but should provide a presentation that is truly informative and helpful to the congregation. When preparing talks from *si*, the speaker should read the corresponding information in *ad* to make sure that the points he covers will be up-to-date.

TALK NO. 2: 6 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material. The reading assignments are short enough to permit the student to present explanatory information in his opening and concluding remarks, and even at fitting intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance, application of principles and expressions of appreciation for the wisdom reflected in the text may be included. The talk should be planned in a way that allows for all the assigned verses actually to be read. The allotted time should be fully utilized.

TALKS NOS. 3 AND 4: 6 minutes each. These talks are assigned to sisters whenever possible. When delivering one of these talks, the student may be either seated or standing. Although using mainly notes and the Bible in many cases, the students, when appropriate, may read excerpts or quotations from the assigned material. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. Settings could include situations arising at home, in the field service, the congregation or elsewhere; at times the presentation may simply be informative conversation between family members or others. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have his assistant(s) do so. Not the setting, but the material should be given prime consideration. Talks based on life experiences should be developed in line with the assigned theme. The student may want to work in a scripture, relate the story and show how the fine example profits us personally. Also, when presenting material from *sg*, the student may at times use an appropriate scripture or two to round out the discussion. On written review nights both talks should be developed in harmony with these instructions, except for timing.

TALK NO. 5: 6 minutes. Assigned preferably to a brother with some experience, it should be a talk to the entire audience. While giving his talk from notes, the speaker, when fitting, may read quotations or pointed excerpts from the assigned material. It will usually be best for the speaker to prepare his talk with a Kingdom Hall audience in mind, so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material especially lends itself to another practical and suitable setting, the speaker may choose to develop his talk accordingly.

PREPARING TALKS: Where the material makes it possible, talks should follow a well-developed theme. Choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material in the allotted time. Prepare all talks with the points in mind to be considered next on the Speech Counsel slip. When a setting is selected, endeavor to choose one that will show practical use of the material assigned, where that is appropriate.

COUNSEL: Specific counsel on each student talk will be given, following the program of progressive counsel outlined at the bottom of the Speech Counsel slip. Appreciative comments on important points covered by speakers and remarks highlighting the value of the information to us can help to keep the attention of all focused primarily on the Scriptural information presented. Be careful to use no more than 2 minutes for each student talk.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime; neither should the counsel. Talks Nos. 2 through 5 will be stopped if necessary when the time is up.

WHEN WRITTEN REVIEWS ARE SCHEDULED: Periodically a written review will be given. In preparation, review principally the material in *ad*, *sg*, *si* and *tp* and complete the assignment of personal Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during the review. Each student will check his own paper as the questions and answers are read. The next week the oral review will cover a few high points of the written review. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than what is shown on the schedule. The two talks scheduled that evening may be assigned to brothers or sisters. Thirty minutes will be set aside for the review and the talks will be limited to five minutes each.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of fifty or more students should arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other elders, if possible. Rotate the students to the various halls. Where it seems advisable, sisters may take any talk, presenting it to someone else, as outlined for Talks Nos. 3 and 4.

ABSENTEEISM: If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer will take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 6 Bible reading: Numbers 22 to 26

No. 1: *ad* p. 886 ¶4 to p. 888 ¶2. "Jehovah—Use of the Name in the Christian Greek Scriptures."

No. 2: Numbers 24:13 to 25:5.

No. 3: *sg* p. 155 ¶7 to p. 156 ¶13

No. 4: *yb*73 p. 53 ¶4 to p. 55 ¶2. "Serving Jehovah Zealously as a Family."

No. 5: *tp* p. 5 ¶1 to p. 8 ¶12

Jan. 13 Bible reading: Numbers 27 to 31

No. 1: *ad* p. 888 ¶3 to p. 889 ¶3. "Jehovah—Early Use of the Name and Its Meaning."

No. 2: Numbers 27:1-23.

No. 3: *sg* p. 159 ¶3 to p. 160 ¶9

No. 4: *tp* p. 9 ¶1 to p. 15 ¶21

No. 5: *ad* p. 880 ¶6, 7. "Jehonadab No. 2."

Jan. 20 Bible reading: Numbers 32 to 36

No. 1: *ad* p. 889 ¶4 to p. 891 ¶1. "Jehovah—The Person Identified by the Name."
No. 2: Numbers 35:10-29.
No. 3: *sg* p. 163 ¶1 to p. 165 ¶9
No. 4: *tp* p. 15 ¶22 to p. 21 ¶41
No. 5: *ad* p. 881 ¶8 to p. 882 ¶1. "Jehoshaphat No. 3."

Jan. 27 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 1 to 3

No. 1: *si* p. 36 ¶1 to p. 41 ¶34
No. 2: Deuteronomy 1:21-44.
No. 3: *tp* p. 22 ¶1 to p. 31 ¶24
No. 4: *ad* p. 885 ¶3 to p. 886 ¶3. "Jehovah—Importance of the Name."
No. 5: *ad* p. 882 ¶7-9; p. 884 ¶9 to p. 885 ¶2. "Jehovah—Correct Pronunciation of the Divine Name."

Feb. 3 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 4 to 7

No. 1: *ad* p. 891 ¶2 to p. 892 ¶4. "Jehovah—Name to Be Sanctified and Vindicated."
No. 2: Deuteronomy 6:4-25.
No. 3: *sg* p. 168 ¶1 to p. 169 ¶9
No. 4: *tp* p. 31 ¶25 to p. 36 ¶41
No. 5: *ad* p. 894 ¶9 to p. 895 ¶1. "Jehovah of Armies."

Feb. 10 Written Review. Complete Numbers 22 to Deuteronomy 7

No. 1: w73 p. 445 ¶3 to p. 447 ¶2. "Determined to Preach Despite Problems."
No. 2: w73 p. 378 ¶4 to p. 379 ¶6. "Physical Ailment Need Not Stop Us."

Feb. 17 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 8 to 11

No. 1: *ad* p. 892 ¶5 to p. 894 ¶3. "Jehovah—Unchanging in Qualities and Standards."
No. 2: Deuteronomy 10:12 to 11:9.
No. 3: *sg* p. 172 ¶1 to p. 173 ¶5
No. 4: *yb*73 p. 171 ¶1 to p. 173 ¶6. "Jehovah Blesses Those Who Persevere."
No. 5: *tp* p. 37 ¶1 to p. 39 ¶8

Feb. 24 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 12 to 16

No. 1: *ad* p. 895 ¶13 to p. 896 ¶7. "Jehu No. 3—Jehu's Anointing, Destruction of the House of Ahab, Baal Worshipers Annihilated."
No. 2: Deuteronomy 13:1-16.
No. 3: *sg* p. 175 ¶1 to p. 177 ¶14
No. 4: *tp* p. 40 ¶9 to p. 45 ¶24
No. 5: *ad* p. 907 ¶4-12. "Jeroboam No. 1."

Mar. 3 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 17 to 21

No. 1: *ad* p. 898 ¶3 to p. 899 ¶10. "Jephthah."
No. 2: Deuteronomy 18:9-22.
No. 3: *sg* p. 181 ¶1 to p. 182 ¶9
No. 4: *tp* p. 46 ¶1 to p. 48 ¶7
No. 5: *ad* p. 915 ¶6-9. "Jerusalem—The City's Significance."

Mar. 10 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 22 to 26

No. 1: *ad* p. 900 ¶16 to p. 901 ¶9. "Jeremiah No. 6."
No. 2: Deuteronomy 22:13-29.
No. 3: *sg* p. 188 ¶1 to p. 189 ¶7
No. 4: *tp* p. 49 ¶8 to p. 52 ¶16
No. 5: *ad* p. 916 ¶25 to p. 917 ¶2. "Jeshua No. 4."

Mar. 17 Written Review. Complete Deuteronomy 8 to 26

No. 1: *ad* p. 920 ¶2-6. "Jesus Christ—His Birth on Earth."
No. 2: *ad* p. 921 ¶4-7. "Jesus Christ—Evidence for a three-and-a-half-year ministry."

Mar. 24 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 27 to 31

No. 1: *ad* p. 917 ¶21 to p. 918 ¶10. "Jesus Christ—Prehuman Existence."
No. 2: Deuteronomy 30:1-20.
No. 3: *sg* p. 6 ¶7 to p. 7 ¶12
No. 4: *ad* p. 921 ¶10 to p. 922 ¶2. "Jesus Christ—No basis for winter date of birth."
No. 5: *tp* p. 52 ¶17 to p. 57 ¶27

Mar. 31 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 32 to 34

No. 1: *ad* p. 923 ¶4 to p. 924 ¶5. "Jesus Christ—His Vital Place in God's Purpose."
No. 2: Deuteronomy 32:3-20.
No. 3: *tp* p. 58 ¶1 to p. 62 ¶11
No. 4: *ad* p. 922 ¶4-8. "Jesus Christ—Early Life."
No. 5: *sg* p. 10 ¶6 to p. 11 ¶12

Apr. 7 Bible reading: Joshua 1 to 5

No. 1: *si* p. 42 ¶1 to p. 46 ¶24
No. 2: Joshua 2:1-21.
No. 3: *ad* p. 922 ¶9 to p. 923 ¶3. "Jesus Christ—His Baptism."
No. 4: *ad* p. 927 ¶2-4. "Jesus Christ—His Works and Personal Qualities."
No. 5: *tp* p. 63 ¶12 to p. 65 ¶16

Apr. 14 Bible reading: Joshua 6 to 9

No. 1: *ad* p. 924 ¶6 to p. 926 ¶1. "Jesus Christ—His Ministry: 'Bearing Witness to the Truth.'"
No. 2: Joshua 7:13-26.
No. 3: *sg* p. 14 ¶1 to p. 16 ¶7
No. 4: *ad* p. 927 ¶5. "Jesus Christ—Balanced view of material things."
No. 5: *tp* p. 65 ¶17 to p. 71 ¶28

Apr. 21 Written Review. Complete Deuteronomy 27 to Joshua 9

No. 1: *ad* p. 927 ¶6-8. "Jesus Christ—Courageous Liberator."
No. 2: *ad* p. 927 ¶9, p. 931 ¶1. "Jesus Christ—Depth of feeling and warmth."

Apr. 28 Bible reading: Joshua 10 to 13

No. 1: *ad* p. 932 ¶1 to p. 933 ¶1. "Jesus Christ—Able Provider and righteous Judge, Outstanding Prophet, Superb example of love, Declared Righteous and Worthy."
No. 2: Joshua 11:1-20.
No. 3: *sg* p. 21 ¶10 to p. 24 ¶20
No. 4: *tp* p. 72 ¶1 to p. 77 ¶12
No. 5: *ad* p. 931 ¶2-5. "Jesus Christ—'Wonderful Counselor,' Master Teacher."

May 5 Bible reading: Joshua 14 to 17

No. 1: *ad* p. 935 ¶4-14. "Jezebel."
No. 2: Joshua 14:1-15.
No. 3: *sg* p. 24 ¶1 to p. 25 ¶5

No. 4: *tp* p. 78 ¶13 to p. 89 ¶32
No. 5: *ad* p. 931 ¶6-8. "Jesus Christ—Leader and Commander."

May 12 Bible reading: Joshua 18 to 21

No. 1: *ad* p. 936 ¶13 to p. 938 ¶4. "Joab No. 2."
No. 2: Joshua 20:1 to 21:3, 41, 42.
No. 3: *sg* p. 27 ¶15 to p. 29 ¶20
No. 4: *tp* p. 90 ¶1 to p. 97 ¶18
No. 5: *ad* p. 933 ¶10-14. "Jethro."

May 19 Bible reading: Joshua 22 to 24

No. 1: *ad* p. 945 ¶21 to p. 947 ¶4. "John No. 1."
No. 2: Joshua 24:14-31.
No. 3: *sg* p. 32 ¶12 to p. 33 ¶15
No. 4: *yb*73 p. 218 ¶2 to p. 219 ¶4. "We Must Be Loyal to Jehovah."
No. 5: *tp* p. 98 ¶1 to p. 101 ¶11

May 26 Written Review. Complete Joshua 10 to 24

No. 1: *ad* p. 958 ¶15 to p. 959 ¶3. "Joppa."
No. 2: *ad* p. 959 ¶10 to p. 960 ¶1. "Jordan."

June 2 Bible reading: Judges 1 to 5

No. 1: *si* p. 46 ¶1 to p. 50 ¶29
No. 2: Judges 5:12-31.
No. 3: *sg* p. 33 ¶1 to p. 34 ¶5
No. 4: *tp* p. 102 ¶12 to p. 110 ¶31
No. 5: *ad* p. 939 ¶3-9. "Job."

June 9 Bible reading: Judges 6 to 8

No. 1: *ad* p. 947 ¶8 to p. 949 ¶2. "John No. 5."
No. 2: Judges 6:11-24.
No. 3: *sg* p. 39 ¶1 to p. 40 ¶5
No. 4: *yb*73 p. 224 ¶4 to p. 227 ¶2. "Problems Need Not Diminish Real Joy."
No. 5: *tp* p. 111 ¶1 to p. 113 ¶8

June 16 Bible reading: Judges 9 to 12

No. 1: *ad* p. 954 ¶26 to p. 955 ¶9. "Jonah No. 1."
No. 2: Judges 11:29-40.
No. 3: *sg* p. 44 ¶1 to p. 46 ¶7
No. 4: *tp* p. 114 ¶9 to p. 116 ¶13
No. 5: *ad* p. 957 ¶10 to p. 958 ¶1. "Jonathan No. 2."

June 23 Bible reading: Judges 13 to 18

No. 1: *ad* p. 960 ¶6 to p. 963 ¶6. "Joseph No. 1."
No. 2: Judges 13:2-20.
No. 3: *sg* p. 51 ¶9 to p. 52 ¶13
No. 4: *tp* p. 116 ¶14 to p. 119 ¶19
No. 5: *ad* p. 963 ¶13 to p. 964 ¶4. "Joseph No. 8."

June 30 Bible reading: Judges 19 to 21

No. 1: *ad* p. 964 ¶18 to p. 966 ¶4. "Joshua No. 1."
No. 2: Judges 19:1-21.
No. 3: *sg* p. 56 ¶9 to p. 58 ¶16
No. 4: *tp* p. 120 ¶1 to p. 124 ¶13
No. 5: *ad* p. 968 ¶6-15. "Josiah No. 1."

July 7 Written Review. Complete Judges 1 to 21

No. 1: *tp* p. 124 ¶14 to p. 127 ¶20
No. 2: *tp* p. 127 ¶21 to p. 131 ¶27

July 14 Bible reading: Ruth 1 to 4

No. 1: *si* p. 51 ¶1 to p. 53 ¶10
No. 2: Ruth 1:3-19.
No. 3: *sg* p. 58 ¶1 to p. 59 ¶3
No. 4: *tp* p. 132 ¶1 to p. 134 ¶7
No. 5: *ad* p. 971 ¶8 to p. 972 ¶1. "Jubilee."

July 21 Bible reading: 1 Samuel 1 to 4

No. 1: *si* p. 53 ¶1 to p. 58 ¶35
No. 2: 1 Samuel 1:24 to 2:11.
No. 3: *sg* p. 66 ¶11 to p. 67 ¶17
No. 4: *tp* p. 135 ¶8 to p. 138 ¶15
No. 5: *ad* p. 972 ¶3-14. "Judah No. 1."

July 28 Bible reading: 1 Samuel 5 to 10

No. 1: *ad* p. 969 ¶9 to p. 970 ¶10. "Joy."
No. 2: 1 Samuel 8:4-22.
No. 3: *sg* p. 72 ¶9 to p. 73 ¶13
No. 4: w73 p. 52 ¶1 to p. 55 ¶4. "He Made His Choice for Godly Devotion."
No. 5: *tp* p. 139 ¶16 to p. 141 ¶21

Aug. 4 Bible reading: 1 Samuel 11 to 14

No. 1: *ad* p. 973 ¶1 to p. 975 ¶3. "Judah No. 2."
No. 2: 1 Samuel 12:1-19.
No. 3: *sg* p. 73 ¶1 to p. 75 ¶8
No. 4: *tp* p. 142 ¶22 to p. 144 ¶27
No. 5: *ad* p. 978 ¶3-6. "Jude."

Aug. 11 Written Review. Complete Ruth 1 to 1 Samuel 14

No. 1: *ad* p. 983 ¶1-4. "Judicial Decisions."
No. 2: *ad* p. 984 ¶5-11. "Justice."

Aug. 18 Bible reading: 1 Samuel 15 to 18

No. 1: *ad* p. 976 ¶6 to p. 977 ¶7. "Judas No. 4."
No. 2: 1 Samuel 17:32-47.
No. 3: *sg* p. 78 ¶1 to p. 80 ¶10
No. 4: w73 p. 172 ¶6 to p. 173 ¶4. "Maintaining Integrity Brings Happiness."
No. 5: *tp* p. 145 ¶1 to p. 149 ¶12

Aug. 25 Bible reading: 1 Samuel 19 to 22

No. 1: *ad* p. 981 ¶3 to p. 982 ¶11. "Judgment Day."
No. 2: 1 Samuel 20:1-17.
No. 3: *sg* p. 88 ¶10 to p. 90 ¶15
No. 4: *tp* p. 150 ¶13 to p. 151 ¶16
No. 5: *ad* p. 993 ¶2-11. "Kind."

Sept. 1 Bible reading: 1 Samuel 23 to 26

No. 1: *ad* p. 989 ¶12 to p. 990 ¶5. "Key."
No. 2: 1 Samuel 25:23-39.
No. 3: *sg* p. 90 ¶1 to p. 92 ¶7
No. 4: *tp* p. 151 ¶17 to p. 154 ¶23
No. 5: *ad* p. 996 ¶10 to p. 997 ¶9. "Kingdom."

Sept. 8 Bible reading: 1 Samuel 27 to 31

No. 1: *ad* p. 997 ¶10 to p. 998 ¶11. "Kingdom of God—Origin of the Term, God's Rulership in Early Human History."
No. 2: 1 Samuel 28:4-20.
No. 3: *sg* p. 98 ¶8 to p. 99 ¶10
No. 4: *tp* p. 155 ¶1 to p. 157 ¶7

No. 5: *ad* p. 999 ¶1-3. "Kingdom of God—God's Exercise of Kingly Power Toward Abraham and His Descendants."

Sept. 15 Written Review. Complete 1 Samuel 15 to 31

No. 1: *ad* p. 999 ¶4-6. "Kingdom of God—Formation of the Israelite nation."
No. 2: *ad* p. 999 ¶7 to p. 1000 ¶1. "Kingdom of God—The period of the Judges."

Sept. 22 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 1 to 5

No. 1: *si* p. 59 ¶1 to p. 63 ¶31
No. 2: 2 Samuel 1:13-27.
No. 3: *tp* p. 158 ¶8 to p. 159 ¶11
No. 4: *ad* p. 1000 ¶2-5. "Kingdom of God—A Human King Requested."
No. 5: *ad* p. 1000 ¶6-8. "Kingdom of God—David's Exemplary Rule."

Sept. 29 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 6 to 10

No. 1: *ad* p. 1002 ¶3 to p. 1003 ¶3. "Kingdom of God—The Kingdom of God 'Draws Near.' "
No. 2: 2 Samuel 7:1-22.
No. 3: *ad* p. 1001 ¶1-6. "Kingdom of God—Decline and Fall of the Israelite Kingdoms."
No. 4: *tp* p. 159 ¶12 to p. 162 ¶18
No. 5: *sg* p. 100 ¶1, 2; p. 107 ¶19 to p. 108 ¶21

Oct. 6 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 11 to 14

No. 1: *ad* p. 1003 ¶4 to p. 1004 ¶5. "Kingdom of God—Entrance into the Kingdom."
No. 2: 2 Samuel 11:26 to 12:14.
No. 3: *sg* p. 111 ¶14 to p. 112 ¶20
No. 4: *tp* p. 162 ¶19 to p. 163 ¶22
No. 5: *ad* p. 1001 ¶7, 8. "Kingdom of God—Visions of the Kingdom of God in Daniel's Day."

Oct. 13 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 15 to 18

No. 1: *ad* p. 1004 ¶6 to p. 1005 ¶4. "Kingdom of God—The Kingdom Takes Up Full Power."
No. 2: 2 Samuel 16:23 to 17:14, 23
No. 3: *sg* p. 114 ¶8 to p. 116 ¶16
No. 4: *tp* p. 164 ¶23 to p. 165 ¶28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1002 ¶1, 2. "Kingdom of God—Expressions of God's Kingly Power Toward Babylon and Medo-Persia."

Oct. 20 Written Review. Complete 2 Samuel 1 to 18

No. 1: *ad* p. 1009 ¶15-19. "Kishon, Torrent Valley of."
No. 2: *ad* p. 1011 ¶10 to p. 1012 ¶7. "Knee, Kneel."

Oct. 27 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 19 to 21

No. 1: *ad* p. 1012 ¶15 to p. 1014 ¶3. "Knowledge."
No. 2: 2 Samuel 21:1-14.
No. 3: *sg* p. 119 ¶13 to p. 121 ¶28
No. 4: *tp* p. 166 ¶1 to p. 168 ¶6
No. 5: *ad* p. 1015 ¶8-13. "Korah No. 3."

Nov. 3 Bible reading: 2 Samuel 22 to 24

No. 1: *ad* p. 1020 ¶5 to p. 1021 ¶5. "Lame, Lameness."
No. 2: 2 Samuel 22:31-51.
No. 3: *sg* p. 122 ¶1 to p. 123 ¶6
No. 4: *tp* p. 169 ¶7 to p. 171 ¶11
No. 5: *ad* p. 1018 ¶1-5. "Labor Pains—Symbolic Use."

Nov. 10 Bible reading: 1 Kings 1 to 3

No. 1: *si* p. 64 ¶1 to p. 69 ¶26
No. 2: 1 Kings 3:7-14, 16-28.
No. 3: *tp* p. 171 ¶12 to p. 172 ¶16
No. 4: *ad* p. 1019 ¶17-19. "Lake of Fire."
No. 5: *ad* p. 1027 ¶5-8. "Landowner—In the Christian Congregation."

Nov. 17 Bible reading: 1 Kings 4 to 7

No. 1: *ad* p. 1023 ¶3 to p. 1024 ¶10. "Lamp."
No. 2: 1 Kings 4:20 to 5:6.
No. 3: *sg* p. 128 ¶15 to p. 129 ¶22
No. 4: w73 p. 187 ¶3 to p. 188 ¶5. "Fine Conduct Can Help Others to Learn the Truth."
No. 5: *tp* p. 173 ¶17 to p. 174 ¶20

Nov. 24 Written Review. Complete 2 Samuel 19 to 1 Kings 7

No. 1: *ad* p. 1027 ¶10-12. "Landowner—Jehovah's Ownership Must Be Recognized."
No. 2: *ad* p. 1027 ¶13 to p. 1028 ¶3. "Language—Origin of Speech."

Dec. 1 Bible reading: 1 Kings 8 to 10

No. 1: *ad* p. 1028 ¶4 to p. 1030 ¶2. "Language—Multiplication of Human Languages, From Abraham Onward."
No. 2: 1 Kings 8:22-36.
No. 3: *sg* p. 132 ¶15 to p. 133 ¶20
No. 4: *tp* p. 175 ¶21 to p. 177 ¶26
No. 5: *ad* p. 1030 ¶3-8. "Laodicea, Laodiceans."

Dec. 8 Bible reading: 1 Kings 11 to 14

No. 1: *ad* p. 1033 ¶1 to p. 1034 ¶3. "Laughter."
No. 2: 1 Kings 13:1-19.
No. 3: *sg* p. 135 ¶9 to p. 137 ¶17
No. 4: *ad* p. 1034 ¶4-10. "Laundryman."
No. 5: *tp* p. 178 ¶1 to p. 181 ¶8

Dec. 15 Bible reading: 1 Kings 15 to 18

No. 1: *ad* p. 1035 ¶2 to p. 1038 ¶4. "Law."
No. 2: 1 Kings 17:1-22.
No. 3: *sg* p. 138 ¶1 to p. 140 ¶9
No. 4: *tp* p. 181 ¶9 to p. 186 ¶18
No. 5: *ad* p. 1047 ¶8 to p. 1048 ¶2. "Lazarus No. 1."

Dec. 22 Bible reading: 1 Kings 19 to 22

No. 1: *ad* p. 1045 ¶2 to p. 1047 ¶6. "Lawgiver."
No. 2: 1 Kings 19:1-18.
No. 3: *sg* p. 146 ¶24 to p. 148 ¶34
No. 4: *tp* p. 186 ¶19 to p. 189 ¶26
No. 5: *ad* p. 1048 ¶3-6. "Lazarus No. 2."

Dec. 29 Written Review. Complete 1 Kings 8 to 22

No. 1: *ad* p. 1048 ¶7 to p. 1049 ¶2. "Laziness—The Lazy Man's Thinking, The Reward of Laziness."
No. 2: *ad* p. 1049 ¶3-6. "Laziness—How Viewed in the Christian Congregation, Avoid Sluggishness in Study and in the Ministry."

Service Meetings to Fit Your Congregation

1 “And all your sons will be persons taught by Jehovah, and the peace of your sons will be abundant,” promises Isaiah 54:13. The service meeting is one of the arrangements through which such teaching comes. Everyone in the congregation can contribute to making it an enjoyable and beneficial meeting.

2 Almost all service meetings follow the time schedule and material outlined in *Kingdom Ministry*. However, occasionally that information might apply differently in various congregations and so the elders and ministerial servants who present the information should do so with flexibility. For example, the article “Challenging, Yet Rewarding, Territory” in the June 1973 *Kingdom Ministry* applied primarily to larger cities. Thus the brothers in small towns and rural areas, while applying these suggestions to their local areas, did not need to spend as much time covering the material.

3 When information in a *Kingdom Ministry* article does apply directly to the congregation, then the one responsible for the presentation should prepare that material thoroughly so the audience fully understands and appreciates how it applies locally. Apparently in some instances the one assigned concludes that all in the congregation have read the information and are fully acquainted with it and so he does additional research so as to present his own “fresh” material and not “rehash” what is in the *Kingdom Ministry*. At times this is done in the form of a long, drawn-out introduction. But it would be more profitable if he used that time to consider the assigned article itself and to aid the congregation to see how to apply it.

4 Some have asked questions regarding how best to conduct the discussions of the Scriptural subjects occasionally outlined under “Your Service Meetings.” They have felt that there is too much material and in some instances have gotten only halfway through. For example, in the outline “How Well Do You Know the Organization?” in the September *Kingdom Ministry* there are about fifteen Scripture references in addition to publication references. The chairman really should arrange for a rounded-out discussion of the entire subject. It is not intended that all scriptures should be looked up and read during the discussion. The same is true of references to publications. These are included so that publishers can look them up at home as they prepare and then bring these thoughts into the discussion, possibly only briefly. Thus some time can usually be given to each question, key texts chosen in advance can be read, the discussion will move along briskly and the congregation will benefit because all points are covered in a balanced consideration.

5 The question has been raised as to how the brother assigned can adequately conclude the service meeting when only ten minutes are set aside for both “Concluding Comments” and “Branch Letter” as in the September 16 service meeting. He will have to decide how the time will be distributed, but in this instance likely only a very few, choice, brief statements would be made on the “Branch Letter.” He is responsible to see that the service meeting ends on time.

6 Who should be selected to demonstrate the various Scriptural presentations and literature offers or otherwise show how the good news might be delivered? It should usually be the more capable and experienced publishers who are asked to do this. Additionally, they should have been instructed and rehearsed by the chairman of that assignment. It is generally not best for new and inexperienced publishers to demonstrate how the work is to be done simply because we want them to have the opportunity to be on the platform, although some can be used as householders. They will have many opportunities to get experience through commenting at the meetings, giving student talks in the ministry school and participating in the field service.

7 If the service meetings at times seem not to be as interesting and instructive as they might be, it would be good for the presiding overseer and, in fact, the body of elders, to consider the matter to see if application of some of the above thoughts might help. Both those in the audience and those on the platform, with forethought and preparation, can contribute toward making the service meetings upbuilding and joyful occasions.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	703	114.5	39.7	4.1	129.4
Pios.	14,946	82.5	31.9	2.8	82.2
Temp. Pios.	6,480	81.9	22.1	1.1	79.5
Pubs.	436,541	9.8	4.3	.5	12.8
TOTAL	458,670				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 11,574

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1973
460,063 Publishers

Are You a Subscriber?

1 This month, when we are aiding others to appreciate the value of *Awake!* and encouraging them to subscribe, is a good time to think of the advantages of subscribing ourselves. When we subscribe we make more certain that each issue is delivered to our home and often this is done before we could get distributors' copies at the Kingdom Hall. Thus we can be reading the new magazine sooner, for our own benefit, and also preparing to present it effectively in the field when the release date for the distributors' copies arrives.

2 There is no need to hold back from entering personal subscriptions, feeling that these would be more work for the Society. In the past it was suggested that the brothers pick up personal copies at the Kingdom Hall rather than subscribe. Your cooperating during this period was a great help and was very much appreciated. But we want all to know that now we will be very glad to mail the magazines directly to your homes. Encouraging others to subscribe is more convincing when we ourselves are subscribers. Of course, this applies to *The Watchtower* also.

3 Undoubtedly, this would also be a good time to review our individual needs as far as distributors' copies are concerned. Could we, with a little planning, increase the number that we order and place? Heads of families might consider how the children are sharing in magazine distribution and whether

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Announcements

◆ Literature offer for October: *Awake!* subscription, with three booklets, for $1.50, or a double subscription with six booklets, for $3.00. November: *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached*, with a booklet, for 50c. December: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and *True Peace and Security—From What Source?*, for $1.25.

◆ New publications available:

Organization for Kingdom-preaching and Disciple-making —Italian

True Peace and Security—From What Source? —English, French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish

God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached —English

Comprehensive Concordance of the New World Translation —English

Divine Victory—Its Meaning for Distressed Humanity —English, French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish

◆ The prices for the new publications are as shown below:

	Cong.	Pio.
Kingdom Approached	.45	.10
Peace & Security	.20	.05
NW Concordance	5.00	2.00
Divine Victory	.02	.005

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

With the Book "God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached"

[1] In November we will have the opportunity for the first time to present, in the regular house-to-house work, the new book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached.* Here is something entirely new to offer in the territory. In presenting the book each publisher should feel free to do so in the manner that he believes he can handle best and that he feels is best in his territory. Some will want to begin with a Scriptural discussion, while others might prefer to offer the book directly. The following suggestions can be used or they can be adjusted to what you personally prefer:

[2] One might say: "There are many honest-hearted people who would like to see the establishment of a government that is truly dedicated to righteousness, and which will last. Our brief call is to encourage people to listen to what God himself has to say about the establishing of such government. Speaking of the thousand-year reign of Christ and those who would rule with him, Revelation 20:6 says, [read]. With such individuals ruling, we can be sure the government will be of the best kind. This book, *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached,* will show why it is a certainty and the evidence that it is near."

[3] Or, one might ask: "Do you think it is possible to establish a completely righteous government that will last for a thousand years?" (Pause for reply.) This publication, *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached,* shows clearly that God has just such a government in mind for this earth. We place the book on a contribution of just fifty cents."

[4] After a brief introduction regarding your call, you might show the book, read the title, then say: "Here on page 18, after quoting Revelation 19:11 through 20:10, where God's thousand-year rule is discussed, it points out . . . " Then read paragraph 28 or as much of it as you think appropriate, or, read paragraph 30. Then make the presentation.

[5] Would you enjoy covering your territory with a Kingdom sermon again? Then you might prepare something using Matthew 6:9, 10, showing that the main purpose of the Kingdom is to accomplish God's will, and Revelation 21:3, 4, showing that the Kingdom will restore health and life to mankind in a paradise earth.

[6] It will certainly be a pleasure to present this new publication in our territory. Surely Jehovah's blessing will be with us.

Appreciating the Gift of Work (*Cont'd*)

the Kingdom Hall the next day. The article 'Why Must Even Youths Die?' made me jump for joy—all my questions were answered! That same night I got out my clothes to attend the meeting the next day. Sunday I spent reading the *Awake!* and resting, and at 6 p.m. I attended my first meeting. A young sister asked if I would like to have a home Bible study, which I eagerly accepted. My friends opposed, but I paid them no mind, as I knew I had found the truth. Soon after we completed the *Truth* book, I was baptized, April 7, 1973. Now life has real meaning and purpose for me. I hope to see my sister again in the resurrection." Could it be that some of the magazine and subscription work you do in October will turn out this way?

Have You Followed Through?

[1] During the last ten days of September you shared in delivering *Kingdom News* No. 16 to people in your territory. They have had opportunity to read it. But what was their reaction? Even if they were favorably impressed, many of them will not do much about it until one of Jehovah's witnesses again calls at their home.

[2] That is why it was recommended that, following our tract distribution, we go right back into the same territory and cover it again. It was suggested that we ask the people whether they read the tract. In many cases this will open the way for fine discussions and opportunities to start Bible studies. By offering magazines and subscriptions we also give them further opportunity to read and build up their confidence in God's Word.

[3] Have you done this follow-up work? If not, loving concern for our fellowman should move us to start now. If you distributed a hundred tracts during September, then there are a hundred households that could benefit from special calls on your part during October.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ There were 2,017 regular pioneer applications received by the Brooklyn office during August. The previous peak was 781. There is vital work to be done in the field, and the brothers are eager to have a full share in it.

◆ The branch in Ghana was happy to report a new peak of 17,069 publishers.

◆ Brothers in Iceland report moving into a fine new branch office building.

◆ Indonesia had a peak of 3,185 publishers in July, an increase of 17.5 percent over the same month a year ago.

◆ Botswana placed a ban on Jehovah's witnesses on July 24.

◆ Kenya reports a lifting of the recent ban on Jehovah's witnesses.

◆ The Philippine Republic reported a peak of 60,340 publishers for July, an 11-percent increase over last year.

Question Box

• Is it all right for the congregation or a few brothers to hold a "garage sale" or other such "sales" for the financial benefit of the congregation and make it a congregation matter?

If a member of a congregation wants to hold a "garage sale," that is something of a personal nature and for him to decide. What he does with such proceeds thereafter would also be a personal matter. However, it is never appropriate for anyone to make such sale a congregation matter or indicate in any way that the congregation is involved.

Each Kingdom Hall provides a contribution box where contributions for the congregation can be made on a completely voluntary basis. The Scriptures clearly indicate that Christians should have the opportunity to contribute for necessary congregation expenses, but this should be done willingly, from the heart, not by appealing to a desire for personal material gain in return for what is given.—2 Cor. 9:7.

Are You a Subscriber? (*Cont'd*)

the order should be increased for their sakes. Do we always pick them up on time? Are we holding to good schedules in magazine work, appreciating that this is dated material and should be placed while current? These and related factors regarding magazine distribution might be considered now while they are fresh in our minds.

Make "Awake!" Available to All.

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NOVEMBER 1973 "But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5. VOL. XVI NO. 11

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

On every hand there is evidence of an upsurge of interest in the truth and increased participation in the field ministry on the part of Jehovah's people. What a pleasure it is for us here at Bethel to receive reports of this from the field!

Reports submitted by presiding overseers indicate that meeting attendance in many congregations is 22 percent more than the number of publishers. One congregation with 161 publishers averages 228 for its public talks; another, with 147 publishers, has 234 at its meetings. And for the service year that ended in August, here in the United States there were 55,775 baptized, an increase of 14 percent over the previous year. Just as Isaiah long ago foretold, now, in "the final part of the days," many people are joining us in 'going up to the house of Jehovah' to be instructed in his ways.—Isa. 2:2, 3.

As more persons become convinced that God's kingdom of a thousand years is close they feel impelled to tell others about it. What has been the result? During August there was a new peak of 472,662 publishers in the field. That is 54,269 more than the number reporting last August, and a 13-percent increase over last year's average. Isn't that grand? These publishers, whether new or experienced, do not share the world's view that 'God is slow,' but they see that his patience affords opportunity for repentance. Appreciating it themselves, they are urging others to do the same. (2 Pet. 3:9) During this same month they spent 7,964,141 hours in sharing the good news with others, nearly 2 million hours more than were reported last August. Magazine placements went up more than 2 million. Return visits and Bible studies also showed fine increases.

Stimulated by an awareness that Divine Victory over this wicked system is near, many more are buying out the time to pioneer. During August, 17,484 were temporary pioneers, which is unusually high. Others planned to do it in September in order to share fully in distributing *Kingdom News* No. 16. And no doubt many will do it again in December when we take *Kingdom News* No. 17 to the people. Will you?

We keenly anticipate the Divine Victory that lies ahead. May we prove our faith in it now by firmness in our integrity.

To all of you we send our warm Christian love.

Your fellow servants,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Prove Your Faith by Proclaiming the Millennium

1 When you received your personal copy of the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached* and looked at the table of contents, how could you avoid being impelled to begin reading! And as you read, your faith was built up wonderfully. The book gives one a visionary preview of the thousand-year rule of God's kingdom, the words painting such a clear picture that one can easily visualize many marvelous things connected with the Kingdom reign. Here we are at the threshold of the thousand-year reign, and how grateful we are that Jehovah has provided us with so many details concerning the Millennium and what will take place during that time!

2 At the end of the first chapter we read: "What those thousand years usher in upon our earth is something vitally necessary to the endless life and happiness of the world of mankind. How, then, can we reasonably hold back from at once examining closely the prophetic picture of the marvelous millennium that the apostle John so beautifully drew for us?"

3 Then we had great pleasure in examining the prophetic picture of the Millennium. The book directed our attention to the Scriptures, which let us look even beyond the Millennium, so we are able to see more than a thousand years into the future and know what we will experience if we prove our faith by firmness in our integrity to Jehovah.

4 After reading the first nine chapters, our appetites were stimulated to read on as the opening words of chapter 10 said: "When we look at it according to what the Bible says about it, the Millennium is a thing very much to be desired for all mankind, the living and the dead. That is why the announcement that it has approached is most welcome news for all who understand. We ought to be excitedly interested in knowing what valid reasons we have for being convinced that it has approached." Then we were treated to a view of the events taking place now and immediately ahead of us.

5 Our preview of the thousand-year reign should move us to want others to have this same visionary preview. The month of November gives us a golden opportunity to thrill many others with a vision of God's kingdom of a thousand years. (Matt. 10:27) Some of the points mentioned above can be used by us as we work among the people with this new book. People of Christendom have for centuries prayed for God's kingdom to come. Now we can show them that it has approached, what it will really mean for them and the great blessings in store for those who prove to be integrity keepers. It is no longer a case of praying and not knowing when the Kingdom would come, but now the Millennial rule has approached and the time re-

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★ Prove Our Faith by Firmness in Our Integrity. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 11

8 min: Song 111. Introduction, text and comments.

17 min: "Prove Your Faith by Proclaiming the Millennium." Questions and answers, including comments from audience on what subjects in book they use to appeal to people locally. Brief demonstration on paragraph 7.

20 min: "Can You, Too, Share in the Joy of Disciple-making?" Talk based on the first six paragraphs. Then under the heading "How Can Studies Be Started?" discuss paragraphs 6-11, inviting audience to comment.

15 min: Concluding comments. Mention plans for activity on world's Thanksgiving Day. Include accounts report. Appropriate Announcements. Song 104.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 18

10 min: Song 114. Introduction, text and comment on Theocratic News.

20 min: "Joy of Disciple-making" insert. Discuss material under the heading "Search Out Every Possibility." Develop suggestions on how to approach unbelieving mates in effort to start study; include local experiences on this. Explain how to go about finding out from persons with whom we now study whether they know anyone who might be interested, and ask for actual experiences. Also get local experiences from any children who have started studies.

15 min: "Not Missing the Purpose of Our Field Ministry." Questions and answers (looking up references in "Kingdom" book).

15 min: Concluding comments. Consider Branch Letter. Song 113.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 25

10 min: Song 98. Introduction, text and comments.

23 min: Presenting the Good News. Questions and answers. Invite all to open "Peace and Security" book and follow discussion as references are made to book. Demonstrate two presentations that would be appropriate in your local territory, including the Bible in the offer.

15 min: Discussion based on "Joy of Disciple-making" insert, "How Can Studies Be Started?" paragraphs 1-5. Demonstrate how to start study on first call. After placing book, publisher suggests showing how to get most benefit from book if person has a few more moments to spare. Use chapter 1 of "Peace and Security" book. Follow up with offer to return next week and set definite time.

Also demonstrate how to start a study on a return visit, using one of the other chapters, as suggested in paragraph 4 of this section of the insert.

12 min: Concluding comments. Refer to December theme (Mic. 4:5). Song 112.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 2

10 min: Song 99. Introduction, text and comments.

12 min: Talk based on "Joy of Disciple-making" insert, from "When and Where Can Studies Be Conducted?" to end. Endeavor to reach the hearts of the publishers.

13 min: "Tobacco Users." Give talk including points from June 1, 1973, "Watchtower." (Also see "Watchtower" 8/1/73 and "Awake!" 8/22/73.)

10 min: Question Box. Questions and answers followed by remarks on why one should marry "only in the Lord." —1 Cor. 7:39.

15 min: Concluding comments. Discuss what local congregation can do to "Prepare for December 22-31." Song 105.

Prove Your Faith (*Cont'd*)

maining to learn about it before the "great tribulation" is limited. Good people all over the world will rejoice as they learn what the Kingdom rule means for them and what they may experience if they qualify to live at that time.

[6] While we are enthusiastic about the wonderful message contained in the book, we may find that the people with whom we place the book do not have the same appetites for spiritual things as we do. So our follow-up on each placement of the book is very important. There are many appetizing points that can be discussed. Surely good people will want to know that there will be one human race, one language, international peacefulness, and what the rulers will be like; that there will not be immediate perfection but there will be no evil influence of Satan and the demons around; when the resurrection will occur, etc. These are but a few of the wonderful things the Bible reveals about the Millennium. Some may want more proof or information about the sign of Christ's presence, and we have all these points to refer to in the book. When you return to visit the people, be prepared with several points that you feel will be outstanding or of special interest to them and urge them to be sure to read right through the entire book. You can talk about things that you especially enjoyed. Points can be taken from different parts of the book if you like. Much will depend on the type of person and his background and religion or his interest in current events, but try to select points that will be interest arousing and cause the person to read the book.

[7] Another thing we will do is try to get the people to come with us to the Kingdom Hall to hear the special series of talks based on this book. Tell them that they can bring the book with them and follow along as the speaker covers a portion of it, mentioning the outstanding points.

[8] After December 1 this book will be used in the congregation book studies. Those who have obtained the book in our field service can be invited to attend the neighborhood congregation book study and there have an opportunity to go into details on these subjects and get an even clearer visionary preview of the thousand-year government. Surely we all are interested in what kind of government it will be, and the Bible tells us much about it. So the message we have is very appropriate for this time just before the Millennium begins and should bring much hope to the hearts of good people throughout our territory. (Matt. 24:14) May Jehovah's blessing be upon the distribution and use of the *Kingdom* book.

Announcements

◆ New publications available:
True Peace and Security—From What Source? —German, Finnish, Danish

◆ When ordering the *1974 Yearbook*, publishers and pioneers are requested to do so through the congregation with which they are associated. Orders for the English edition of the *1974 Yearbook* may be placed starting November 15. Please order only after that date. The *Yearbook* will also be available in Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish by about December 15. *Yearbooks* are 50c each. All orders for the *Yearbook* will be charged to your congregation literature account. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1973, may receive a free *Yearbook* by making request of the brother handling the literature. This will be included in the congregation's order, and, later, credit may be requested from the Society for the pioneers' copies. Pioneers may obtain additional copies at 15c each. Calendars are no longer available.

◆ Literature offer: November: *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached*, and one booklet, for 50c. December: The *New World Translation* and *True Peace and Security*, for $1.25. (If you run out of *Peace and Security*, use the *Word of God* book.) January through April: *Watchtower* subscription, with three booklets, for $1.50.

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	805	132.8	44.3	3.9	160.6
Pios.	15,461	96.2	36.1	2.9	94.5
Temp. Pios.	17,484	82.9	20.6	1.0	78.2
Pubs.	438,912	11.2	4.6	.5	14.3
TOTAL	472,662				

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Can You, Too, Share in the Joy of Disciple-making?

JESUS commanded his followers: "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them." In 208 lands and islands throughout the earth today, over one and a half million praisers of Jehovah God are living testimony to the fulfillment of this commission of Jesus.

There is a special joy associated with making disciples. The apostle Paul wrote of this joy to a congregation he worked to establish in Thessalonica, Macedonia: "For what is our hope or joy or crown of exultation—why, is it not in fact you? . . . You certainly are our glory and joy." (1 Thess. 2:19, 20) It is especially exhilarating to observe the happiness of sheeplike ones as they come to appreciate basic truths about Jehovah God and his purpose. Can you, too, share in that joy?

In modern times Bible studies have been the most effective means of making disciples. But some publishers may think that the Bible study work is not for them. Why? Possibly some feel unqualified due to old age, sickness or lack of secular education.

Others have worked hard for some time in the field ministry but have not been successful in starting studies. Many have discontinued unproductive studies after six months and have been unable to find replacements. Is there some way for these brothers and sisters to share in the joy of making disciples through Bible studies?

How Much Do You Want a Bible Study?

Success in the Bible study work is closely related to how much one really wants to share in it. Do you have a deep desire to teach someone the truth? Have you made it a matter of regular prayer? Have you exerted extra effort in harmony with your prayer?

A circuit overseer relates the experience of a sixteen-year-old girl who did so: "This young girl really wanted a Bible study and so she prayed to Jehovah, asking his direction upon her efforts. Then she opened the telephone book to the letter "A" and began calling people. She would introduce herself and say: 'I am one of Jehovah's witnesses offering free Bible studies to people.' Many calls were made without success. But she did not give up. Then a woman was contacted who replied: 'I would love to have a Bible study.' How interesting, too, to learn that this woman lived in a building in which Jehovah's witnesses had not been able to preach!" Is your desire to obtain a Bible study as strong as that? If you make it a matter of prayer and work at it, Jehovah will surely bless you.

How Can Studies Be Started?

There are many ways to start Bible studies. In some areas this can be accomplished on the first call by a direct offer to aid the householder to understand the Bible. This is especially so where people have a reverence for the Word of God. But in other places brothers may find it necessary to break down barriers such as prejudice, false doctrines or indifference. In cases like these, several Scriptural discussions may be necessary before a study can be established. You yourself are the best one to decide which approach to use in a particular situation.

Where you discern interest, be careful not to let it cool off by waiting too long before calling again. There is no Scriptural requirement to wait a week or two before returning to visit an interested person. Some publishers arrange for a return visit *the very same day* where unusual interest is detected. Others call again within the week of the initial contact and report excellent results.

Have you noticed that in some places our brothers work the territory over and over but few studies are started? Why is this so? Is it that the people simply are not interested in the truth? Of course, this is possible. But could it be that what the brothers are saying to the people does not arouse their interest? If you are to be successful in starting Bible studies you must *find out what the people are interested in.*

In some areas people do not respond to discussions of Bible doctrine. But frequently these people are disturbed about the dishonesty, immorality and lack of neighbor love in the world today. Would people in your territory who seem uninterested in Bible doctrine respond to a discussion of such matters that definitely are on their minds? We have just what they need in the new book *True Peace and Security—From What Source?* Direct their attention to chapter 10, 12 or 13, or read to them the opening paragraph of chapter 14 or chapter 15. Perhaps this will open the way for a fine study.

Or is it war, food shortage, pollution, disease or crime that disturbs them? The first two chapters of the *Peace and Security* book are ideal for discussions with such persons. Just select an appropriate section and start reading it to them. The reasonableness of the presentation may move them to realize that, really, this is exactly what they have been looking for.

A circuit overseer in New York observed: "People in the world frequently view Bible study as something dull and uninteresting. Our brothers must avoid making their presentations too general, simply mentioning the Bible or Bible study. They need to show people something specific." How can this be done? This brother explains his own approach: "After introducing myself I often say: 'We are asking a question of our neighbors today: Why do you think God allows innocent people to suffer?' " Then he directs their attention to chapter 8 of the *Truth* book. What subject would arouse people's interest in your territory?

One good way to find out what people are interested in is to listen carefully to what they say. True, a person may bring up a subject completely different from your prepared presentation. But, instead of pressing forward with a matter that does not interest him, would it not be better to direct him to a section in one of the Society's publications that deals with what he is interested in?

Another effective method is to show the householder the table of contents in the *Truth* book or the *Peace and Security* book. Then ask: "Which of these subjects would you like to learn more about?" One circuit overseer in New York says that in his territory people often pick the subjects "Why We Grow Old and Die," "Why Has God Permitted Wickedness Until Our Day?", and "How to Pray and Be Heard by God." Would these subjects be effective in your territory? If not, which ones would?

Is it always necessary to conduct studies in a printed Bible study aid? Not at all. In fact, with some individuals it may be advantageous to use only the Bible for a period of time. A missionary tells of the experience of a sister in Niigata, Japan:

"A *Truth* book was placed with a woman but on the return visit she did not invite the publisher in. She had read some of the book and noticed that it did not harmonize with the Catholic religion." Did this sister give up hope of starting a study there? The missionary continues:

"The sister suggested using only the Bible, and the woman agreed. These discussions went on for four months. Sometimes up to fifty scriptures would be used in one sitting. When this woman was convinced that she was learning the truth, the sister pointed out that she had gotten most of her material from the *Truth* book. Thereafter this interested person agreed to the use of printed publications. Soon she got rid of her Catholic images and began attending meetings. Then she wrote to her priest to have her name removed from the church roll." This woman is now a Kingdom publisher with two Bible studies of her own and hopes to be baptized in the near future. Are there people in your territory who would be willing to discuss the Bible with you even though they refuse the offer of literature?

Search Out Every Possibility

In most countries the house-to-house ministry is the principal way interested people are contacted. But there are many other ways of obtaining Bible studies.

The place to look for an interested person may be in the household of someone who is already studying. Unbelieving mates will often respond favorably if approached in a friendly way. A missionary in Morocco tells of his visit to the home of a woman with whom his wife was conducting a Bible study:

"Previously her husband had shown no interest at all in the study. I began talking to him about his automobile and we became friendly. Then he mentioned that he would like to learn the French language. I explained that the English and French editions of our book *From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained* go nearly page for page. I suggested that we study French together with the aid of this book. He accepted and we began a Bible study. Later he gave up on French but not on the truth. He and his two children are now Kingdom publishers and his wife is a pioneer."

A district overseer for the United States tells of a pioneer couple in Concord, New Hampshire, who concentrated their efforts on unbelieving husbands. This helped them to achieve a total of twenty-six Bible studies between them.

Asking persons with whom you study for suggestions as to others who might be interested is another fine way of obtaining Bible studies. A circuit overseer relates the following experience of a sister in Massachusetts: "The sister started a study and out of this four additional studies were started which she turned over to other publishers. From these five studies twenty people are now serving Jehovah. Then the same sister started another study. After a while she encouraged the interested person to invite others. This, too, resulted in an additional four studies. On my last visit to that congregation twenty-six people were attending meetings from this last group of studies." Thus through referrals two studies grew to ten and forty-six people got started on the road to everlasting life. Have you explored this avenue of finding Bible studies? Why not try it?

Those who have limited education and who may not read well can also be developed into fine Bible studies. These people may refuse offers of literature. But does this mean that they are not interested in the truth? Not necessarily. Often these persons have keen minds and are hungering for truth. Would you be willing to call on someone like that each week and read to him from the Bible or from a Bible study aid? Many zealous publishers learned the truth without being able to read.

What about children? Youngsters are usually eager to learn and delight to have someone teach them about God. In New England a seven-year-old girl spoke about Bible truth to another little girl of the same age. The girl became interested and asked her parents for permission to study, but they refused. So the little girl went to her friend's house and asked if she could live there. It was explained that being one of Jehovah's witnesses would mean giving up the celebration of birthdays and holidays and things like these. But she replied: "I don't care. Living in paradise is more important." Of course, this young girl continued to live in her own home, but she would visit the Witness family each week to obtain Bible articles written especially for children. Her desire to learn about Jehovah God was so strong that she would read these articles instead of playing.

Older people and those infirm or handicapped are another field where Bible studies may be cultivated. They are often pleased to have someone call on them to discuss the Word of God. A circuit overseer tells of two sisters in New York who made a special effort to study with elderly and infirm people: "One of them began by offering magazines to patients in a nursing home. She now conducts several studies there. The other sister points to a building housing senior citizens and says: 'That's my territory.' She visits these older people and studies with them to the extent possible, even teaching some of them to read."

When and Where Can Studies Be Conducted?

When you make return visits on interested people do you find they are seldom at home? Today's high costs and the fast pace at which people live often keep them away from home for long hours each day. But some publishers have gone out of their way to share in the joy of conducting Bible studies with such people.

In Florida, for example, there is a sister who got out of bed and went to conduct a study with an interested couple each week at 3:30 a.m. because this was the only convenient time for that couple to study. An overseer from the Netherlands tells of a brother in Amsterdam who studied with a dance instructor weekly between two and four in the morning. This man eventually sold his dancing establishment and entered the pioneer ministry. He now serves as an elder in his congregation.

Perhaps you cannot study with a certain person in his home. But could the study go on somewhere else? Many Bible studies are held in Kingdom Halls, in automobiles or in places of business. An overseer from South Africa says that there many brothers conduct studies at work during lunch hour because the interested persons live far away from the brothers' homes. A brother who is now a missionary tells of conducting a study in New York in a subway change booth. A circuit overseer started a study with a New York taxi driver, but they were not able to get together at a central location. What did they do? The brother explains: "Somehow we managed to study regularly. We held our study in his home, in his taxi, at the Kingdom Hall, in restaurants, in the park and in my home." Now this interested man attends all meetings, has joined the Theocratic Ministry School and plans to be baptized soon. Would it be possible for you, too, to conduct a Bible study at an unusual time or place? Are you willing to make the necessary adjustments in your schedule to share in such a joy?

Do You Feel Unable to Conduct Studies?

Do you feel ill-equipped to conduct Bible studies for some reason? Some might feel that, because their secular education is very limited, the Bible study work is not for them. But is this necessarily true? Consider the experience of a brother from Guadaloupe who could neither read nor write. The branch overseer in that country relates: "This brother met a man from door to door and placed a book with him. When he made the return visit he did not mention that he could not read. Instead he encouraged the man to get his book. He would have the man read the paragraphs and then the questions. Then he would ask: 'Could you give me the answer to the question you just read?' In this way the man progressed to the point of meeting attendance and now shares in the field ministry." Others with limited education take another publisher along with them to help them to conduct their Bible studies.

Is it sickness or some physical handicap that keeps you from sharing in the joy of conducting Bible studies? A circuit overseer from Massachusetts observed: "Often the ones conducting studies are those that are older or infirm, not the younger, healthy ones." An example is a special pioneer in the Netherlands who became crippled for ten years. Did this keep her from teaching the truth to others? An overseer acquainted with her points out: "During all of that time this sister continued in full-time service as a regular pioneer. She would conduct studies by her bedside. In fact, she had such capabilities in this feature of the service that other publishers would bring their interested persons to her. This sister has aided scores of people to the point of dedication."

Is it your heart's desire to share in the joy of making disciples? Then make it a matter of prayer and explore every way open to you of obtaining a Bible study. Remember, success in the Bible study work does not depend on natural ability or worldly educational status. No, but "our being adequately qualified issues from God."—2 Cor. 3:5.

Not Missing the Purpose of Our Field Ministry

[1] Today, more and more we find people who do not listen to our message or take any literature but yet say: "My religious organization is doing the same thing," or "You are doing a fine work. May God bless you." We may have found ourselves going to the next door with the feeling that we merely left them in a good frame of mind for the next Witness. But we must remember that one day we may be making the last call on these people. Will our next call be the last one? What, then, should we do and say under these circumstances? —2 Cor. 6:2; Isa. 55:6.

[2] Is not our purpose to give a witness about the Kingdom, and are we not convinced that we are doing a work that no other religious organization is doing? So if these people just agree with us or merely say that the Bible is a good book and should be read more, and this is all we establish at the door, have we missed the purpose of our call? When we read the life history of Jesus, what do we find? He did not allow soft words and flattery to sway him from accomplishing his purpose. For example, on one occasion certain religious persons said to him, "Teacher, we know you are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and you do not care for anybody, for you do not look upon men's outward appearance." This disarming approach did not cause him to miss the purpose of his ministry. He took the initiative and gave a witness about the truth so effectively that they marveled at what he said. —Matt. 22:15-22.

[3] During the month of November we offer to the people the *Kingdom* book. You may try different ways of arousing interest in the book and see what is effective in your territory. An approach that may be successful is to ask a parent at the door: "If your child who has learned the Lord's prayer from you were to ask, 'What is the Kingdom?' could you answer him intelligently? Or, the child might ask, 'When is the Kingdom going to come?' What would you say?" Then you might explain that to make this prayer mean more than just words, he can get real answers concerning the Kingdom in this publication. (Page 191, paragraph 14)

[4] Some individuals may be very satisfied with their religion, but we could frankly ask them if their religion has taught them how to obey the Bible command in Revelation 18:4. We could read the scripture if permitted or, if not, tell them what it says. Since they are satisfied with their religion and do not know what Babylon is and how to come out of it, we could tell them that because it is so urgent and they have not yet received this vital information we would like to leave this book with them to help them to find out how to obey this commandment. (Page 202 has good pointed information on Rev. 18:4.) It may be good not to tell them on this first call what Babylon the Great is; give them a chance to see if they can find out. When you return, you could take the discussion from that point. Their waiting a short period for the answer that they could not Scripturally get from their church may impress on them their need for something outside their religion.

[5] To those who feel that all religious organizations are doing the same thing we might say: "No one other than Jehovah's witnesses has ever called at my door with this message. How about you? Do you know what message God's people were commanded to take to the people?" You might then refer to Matthew 24:14 on page 307. Interest might be cultivated in the book by using the good talking points on pages 306 and 307.

[6] In making return visits it is always good to keep in mind our goal of giving a witness. If the person previously witnessed to is not home, then how about the person who has answered the knock? It is very easy to say: "Mr.—— and I had an interesting conversation on my last call and no doubt you likewise would be pleased to hear about a unique government—the thousand-year government."

[7] We may be inclined to feel that some of these approaches are too direct and straightforward, but we can be assured that speaking the truth plainly but tactfully will not drive sheeplike ones away. Did not Jesus say concerning the true shepherd: "The sheep follow him, because they know his voice."? —John 10:4.

Prepare for December 22-31

Kingdom News No. 17 will be distributed from December 22 to 31. Supplies are being consigned to all congregations. If you have territory that was not worked with *Kingdom News* No. 16, then plan to work that territory first when distributing No. 17. [If your congregation received more tracts last time than could be distributed in your territory, please inform us how many your congregation can use and we will consign that number of *Kingdom News* No. 17.]

If you have a Spanish section and *there is no Spanish congregation working it*, you may send in an order for *Kingdom News* No. 17 in Spanish and they will be sent to you. Specify how many you need. We are not in a position to supply *Kingdom News* in other languages. Send orders for Spanish tracts *now* and these will be shipped to you with your next shipment of literature.

Tobacco Users

[1] It will soon be about six months since *The Watchtower* in English pointed out the need for decisive action in stopping use of tobacco by dedicated persons. If there are still any who use tobacco, it would be good for them to make stronger efforts to stop now. Speak to the elders for assistance. The elders, applying the counsel of the Scriptures, must determine who may remain in the congregation.

[2] Nonbaptized persons who use tobacco and simply attend meetings, without advocating the use of it or trying to involve the brothers in such practice, may be permitted to continue attending meetings, but they should not use tobacco at the Kingdom Hall. However, where individuals who are not baptized have associated in the sense of sharing in the field ministry and the Theocratic Ministry School, they should have been talked to by this time and if, within the same period of six months, they have not broken the habit, they should be told that they are not acceptable to share in the field service or the Theocratic Ministry School, if this has not already been done. They should be encouraged to inform the elders when they have completely ended tobacco use. But no further action will be taken, since they are not baptized. They may attend meetings. It would not be necessary to make a public announcement concerning these unbaptized persons.

[3] If a tobacco user was once baptized but left the organization a long time ago and does not now claim to be one of Jehovah's witnesses and his use of tobacco causes no reproach or disturbance in the congregation, it would not be necessary for the elders to search him out and inquire whether he is using tobacco or to take action against such a smoker who no longer associates.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

With the New Book "True Peace and Security —From What Source?"

[1] The book contains not only a wonderful and encouraging message, but many other features that will help us to place it in the hands of the people. This new book is really styled for use in the Kingdom field service.

[2] The title itself gives us opportunities to make a presentation. When approaching someone, we might ask questions, such as: "Do you think the people of the world feel secure these days? How do you feel about your own situation?" There are many current events that cause people to think about their security. Perhaps in one community it will be a flood or other disaster, an earthquake or a storm; unemployment may be widespread; there may be robberies in the neighborhood, or assaults and murders that are widely publicized in the press. Children may be molested. All of these things will cause people to think about personal security. So we can ask appropriate questions according to what is likely to be on the minds of the people, then point to the title of the book and show them the table of contents.

[3] Or, one might consider the bad conditions in the world and raise questions about what all this means. Then introduce the book and open it to pages 82 and 83 and use those two pages as the basis for interesting conversation and placement of the book.

[4] Many of the chapters have very fine opening paragraphs for use in arousing interest in the book. We might open to the first two paragraphs in chapter 1 and read them and then direct attention to the picture, which shows people living in peace and security.

[5] For other people in your territory you may find special interest in certain subjects. The first two paragraphs of chapter 2 raise some very thought-provoking questions that may appeal to certain people. For others you may find the words of chapter 5, the first paragraph, just right to stimulate interest in the book.

[6] Those interested in religion may be aroused to want to read the book by our considering with them the first paragraph of chapter 6.

[7] You may find some concerned about the buildup of armaments and nuclear testing and the ever-present possibility of nuclear war. The first paragraph of chapter 8 can be put to good use among such people.

[8] Hope for the future is aroused in the first two paragraphs of chapter 9, stimulating the reader to want to see how true peace and security will come.

[9] For a quick presentation one might show the title of the book, and then turn to the statement printed in bold type at the top of page two, the message from "The Publishers," thus giving people reason to want to have and read the book.

[10] These are examples of things that can be taken from the book and used in presenting it, and there are many more. Each Kingdom publisher can choose what suits him. Scripture texts can be read right from the book. If desired, two points could be combined to deal with a particular territory or situation. Some publishers may want to try various presentations in their territory and see which works the best in arousing the interest of the people in that community in reading the book. For example, there are many points in chapter 2 that can be used in talking to people familiar with current events. In December we will try to place this new book and the Bible together, emphasizing the fact that the Bible contains the answers. However, since many people have a Bible and do not wish to get another, we can place the book by itself. Select a way of presenting the good news that will get results in your territory.

[11] (It will be profitable to suggest to people who are studying the *Truth* book and considering baptism that they might do well to read *Peace and Security* before getting baptized, for it contains important information not in the *Truth* book.)

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **The 2,357 who attended the Society's annual meeting in Pittsburgh on October 1 heard Brother Knorr speak on Habakkuk chapter 3, highlighting what God's people must expect in the turbulent days ahead.**

◆ **A new peak of 92,233 publishers reported in Nigeria in August. Worldwide, only two other countries have more publishers.**

◆ **In Haiti, the 2,543 publishers were thrilled to have 6,156 at their district assembly, with 173 baptized.**

◆ **The 366 publishers in Sri Lanka were pleased to have 677 at their three-language "Divine Victory" assembly; 33 were baptized.**

◆ **Papua reports two fine district assemblies: 1,244 attended in the Solomon Islands, 2,312 in Port Moresby. This is double the attendance at the international assembly there in 1969.**

Question Box

- Who may perform weddings and funerals?

Weddings and funerals may be conducted by any dedicated, baptized brother as permitted by law. If there are any restrictions or requirements according to the local law, these should be carefully observed. When it comes to the selection of someone to conduct a wedding or a funeral, this is a personal matter for the individuals or the family involved to determine. Since weddings and funerals are not viewed as public talks, appointment as an elder or ministerial servant is not a requirement for one to perform such services. If it is to be in the Kingdom Hall, then, of course, permission must be obtained from the congregation service committee. A dedicated brother from a different congregation could be allowed to give a wedding or funeral talk in another congregation's Kingdom Hall with the approval of the committee and in accord with the local laws.

Dedicated couples in good standing in the congregation may be permitted by the committee to use the Kingdom Hall for a wedding. A dedicated person who plans to marry an undedicated person should be counseled concerning marrying "only in the Lord." (1 Cor. 7:39) If the dedicated one goes through with the marriage, it is his responsibility. The committee may or may not decide to allow the use of the Hall, but, even if allowed, this does not mean that they approve of the marriage. Two undedicated persons may also be permitted to use the Kingdom Hall for a wedding if the committee gives permission, but such undedicated individuals should have a good reputation in the community. It is left to the conscience of the brother who is authorized by law to perform a marriage as to whether he would serve where undedicated individuals may be involved. All weddings and funerals performed in the Kingdom Hall should be dignified and should comply with the local laws. (See "Watchtower" 6/15/72, 1/15/69, 9/15/65 and 12/1/60.)

★ Have You Made a Return Visit This Week? ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DECEMBER 1973 "But we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God to time indefinite, even forever."—Mic. 4:5. VOL. XVI NO. 12

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

When September 21 arrived—the day to commence distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 16—enthusiasm was running high in the congregations everywhere. During the days that followed, it was not only those who were already publishers who turned out for field service. Increasing numbers of persons are convinced that time is running out for unbelieving mankind. Moved by a desire to share with others the good news of God's kingdom, 512,738 participated in the work and then turned in reports, just here in the forty-eight states! That is 40,076 more than were in the field in August, during which month 54,269 more had already reported than for the preceding August. Isn't that grand? What a marvelous increase in the number of persons who are indicating their desire to walk in Jehovah's name!

And they exerted themselves. Hours devoted to the field ministry shot up to nearly 2 million more than for August. Besides that, 30,000 enrolled as temporary pioneers, and there was an increase of 1,549 in the ranks of regular pioneers. Reports show that, all together, 43,320,048 copies of the message "Is Time Running Out for Mankind?" were distributed here in the United States. Many publishers in city territory placed their allotment within a few days; in rural areas more effort was required.

It was not only in this country that increase was evident. During September, France showed an increase of 2,900 publishers; Japan, 1,200; Korea and the Netherlands, 1,000 each; the British Isles, 5,100; Canada, 3,700; Germany, 2,600; Spain, 900. Although the peak for the 1973 service year was 1,758,429 publishers world wide, it is evident that already we have moved up over the 1,810,000 mark.

As we proceeded with our work in September, the dividing effect of the message was evident. Some persons made phone calls to voice their disapproval. Others wanted to learn more. In quite a few cases householders read the tract and then ran down the street after the publisher to request a Bible study. Here in Brooklyn we received 2,995 coupons from the *Kingdom News* requesting bound books, and 596 asked that someone call on them to discuss the Bible.

Now the time is near for distribution of another *Kingdom News*. In some parts of the country the weather will not be as favorable as in September. But the importance of the work has not diminished. By boldly and zealously sharing in the distribution of the pointed message "Has Religion Betrayed God and Man?" we can demonstrate to Jehovah our love for him, our desire to see his name cleared of the reproach brought upon it by false religion, and our determination to walk in his name.

Who will share in the work? Will all 512,738 who shared in September be out again, and perhaps even more? May Jehovah richly bless all who thus display that they uphold true worship.

Your fellow servants,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

"Walk in the Name of Jehovah"

Kingdom News No. 17 to Be Distributed

[1] Most of the people of the world walk in a certain course set by this system of things. Different groups have their own paths. This is because 'all the peoples, for their part, walk each one in the name of its god.' These false gods are leading them to one place—a disastrous fight against Jehovah.

[2] "But," the scripture goes on, making a sharp contrast, "we, for our part, shall walk in the name of Jehovah our God." (Mic. 4:5) Only people on this path will avoid collision with God. Jehovah's witnesses, on this path themselves, want as many as possible to find it, so that these may get out of the deadly rut they are in.

[3] The only way the people can change paths is for them to see the deadly folly of their 'gods,' the falsity of their religion and the peril to which it leads them. Then they must see the true God, Jehovah, and appreciate what walking in his name means. For these reasons, it is recommended that *Kingdom News* No. 17 be placed in as many homes as possible in each congregation's territory during the ten days of December 22-31. By our courageously sharing in this work we will give evidence that we really are walking in the name of Jehovah, the God of truth.

[4] As its front page indicates, the tract answers the question "Has Religion Betrayed God and Man?" Consider the effect this headline will have: If a person is sighing and groaning over the detestable things done in the name of religion, or if he views himself as an enemy of religion or as merely nonreligious, the headline may arouse his curiosity, and the contents of the tract will be a real eye-opener for him. If the householder is a religious person, the very question raised in the headline may make him think; he may call to mind some doubts about practices in his own church, and so read what the tract says.

[5] Of course, not *all* religion has betrayed God and man. The reader will be presented with this truth and will have an opportunity to see the contrast between the true religion and the false. Readers are encouraged to action, and the positive seeking and practicing of true worship are stressed.

[6] A short presentation will be sufficient, such as, "I have volunteered to share in a worldwide distribution of this tract. It is free.

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★ "We, for Our Part, Shall Walk in the Name of Jehovah." ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 9

12 min: Song 62. Introduction, text and comments. Include discussion of Theocratic News.

15 min: "How Is Your Personal Study Program?" Handle as discourse. Receive expressions from audience on things that have threatened to disrupt good study program.

18 min: "Walk in the Name of Jehovah."

(6 min.) Briefly review with audience contents of Kingdom News No. 17. (Distribute sample copies before meeting.)

(12 min.) Cover front-page "Kingdom Ministry" article with questions and answers; include demonstration of brief presentations in paragraph 6.

15 min: Concluding comments. Discuss arrangements made for tract distribution locally; encourage all who can to share in united effort on December 22 and 23. Encourage temporary pioneering during December. Publishers may obtain tract supplies after meeting. Song 71.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 16

12 min: Song 96. Introduction and brief comments on text. Discuss Branch Letter.

20 min: Jeremiah's Endurance. Let audience read scriptures, comment and make personal application (as time permits).

Jeremiah was one of the 'great cloud of witnesses' from whose course we can draw much encouragement. (Heb. 12:1) First of all, he came to realize that his strength was from Jehovah.—Jer. 1:6, 18, 19; 20:11.

Jeremiah was bold and fearless in Jehovah's strength, but he also had real concern for the people. He felt compassion and also expressed love for them when they suffered for their sins. (Jer. 8:21–9:1) He declared Jehovah's warning and judgment message without stint, yet had at heart his commission also "to build and to plant."—Jer. 1:10; 38:19-23.

Jeremiah became discouraged because of the bitter opposition, but he loved God's Word and held on to it. He never turned away from his commissioned work. He was encouraged by Jehovah and was delivered.—Jer. 20:8, 9, 11; 40:2-4.

What are some things we can learn from Jeremiah's record that apply to our lives?

1. Humility and trust in Jehovah. We must realize that we are doing his work, not our own. He loves us and will give us the strength and ability to keep serving faithfully. —Jas. 4:6, 10; Eph. 6:10; 1 Pet. 4:11.

2. Boldness, courage. God does not want us to tremble before our opponents and fail to sanctify his name. We, in turn, do not want to "water down" God's message or be timid or hold back in declaring the truth. —Acts 4:29; Josh. 1:7-9; Ps. 27:14.

3. Love for our brothers and for other people. Our attitude means much. We are like a "clashing cymbal" if we are not motivated by love. We must keep in mind our purpose "to build and to plant"—to help people.—1 Cor. 13:1-3.

4. Like Jeremiah, it is not unusual for us to get discouraged at times by opposition, indifference or adverse circumstance. (2 Cor. 1:8-10) We must pray to God, lean on him and confidently look for his help. In the meantime, if we do not forsake our place in his arrangement, we will be able to endure with joy and be delivered. —Jas. 5:11; Phil. 1:27, 28; 2 Pet. 2:9.

13 min: Field overseer reviews arrangements for tract distribution for coming week. Emphasize special united effort on December 22 and 23. Brief presentations demonstrated. Discuss how to handle situations in local territory to achieve thorough coverage.

15 min: Concluding comments. Discuss arrangements for field service on Tuesday, December 25. If all tracts have been distributed, use books or magazines. (Draw attention of publishers to first article in December 22 "Awake!" also opening article in January 1 "Watchtower.") Song 39.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 23

12 min: Song 12. Introduction, text and comments. (Include appropriate Announcements on page 3.)

20 min: Several elders and/or ministerial servants discuss the article in the December 1, 1973, issue of "The Watchtower" entitled "Jehovah Brings 'Sealing' of His Chosen Ones to a Close." This discussion should not imply criticism of any who profess to be of the anointed.

18 min: "Sign of World's End Means Kingdom Blessings Near." Suggested presentation for "Watchtower" campaign.

(12 min.) Audience discussion of presentation. Most "Watchtower" issues during four-month campaign will have articles taking up different features of "sign" of end. Can build presentation around current article, whichever feature of "sign" is discussed. Might say (using article on "Why Call at My Door?" after introducing self): "I am calling on you and your neighbors—in fact—all over the world this home visitation is being made, to find people who are disturbed by the bad conditions in the world. There is a lot of fear, particularly because of the increase of crime. They ask, 'What is this world coming to?' How do you feel about it? [Let them answer.] We can get the answer and can know where the world is heading. After describing the events of our day, the greatest prophet of all time said: [Read or paraphrase Luke 21:28.] Why could we have such confidence? Jesus went on to say: [verses 31, 32]." (Or, use Matthew chapter 24.)

"[Take out January 1 "Watchtower" and open to page 3.] This article in 'The Watchtower' shows the meaning of what is happening, and the marvelous prospect of survival into a righteous earth under God's Kingdom rule. It is to share this good news that Jehovah's witnesses call on people in all parts of the earth. [Turn to page 5.] The facts show that the thousand-year reign of God's kingdom is immediately ahead of us, and we urge everyone to examine the evidence. 'The Watchtower' is published twice a month. During the coming year it will present much information from the Bible on God's kingdom—what kind of government it is, who are its rulers and how it will help earth's inhabitants to make earth a paradise garden, eliminating all racial and national divisions. Here are some of the subjects to be treated in forthcoming issues." (Read from box of articles to come.) "During the year you and your family can receive these and much other fine Bible knowledge. The 'Watchtower' subscription rate is only $1.50 for the year. I will be happy to arrange for you to have 'The Watchtower' come to your home."

(6 min.) Have the presentation demonstrated. Do not go off into side issues.

10 min: Concluding comments. Discuss the final weekend of work with the tract. If any have more tracts than they can distribute by December 31, ask them to turn these extras in NOW so that others can use them. Comment on arrangements for going back into the same territory with the subscription offer from and after January 1. Carry copies of "Peace and Security" book, which was advertised on tract. Outline arrangements for witnessing on January 1. Song 4.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 30

15 min: Song 5. Introduction, text and comments. Include discussion of some points of interest from pages 3-16 of the "1974 Yearbook." Cover highlights and encourage brothers to read the "Yearbook" regularly.

15 min: Experiences in distributing tracts. Discuss importance of having time set aside regularly each week to share in field service. Offer personal help to newer ones in other features of field ministry.

15 min: Presenting the Good News. Questions and answers.

15 min: Concluding comments. Remind all to turn in field service reports and to include at the bottom a note showing how many copies of Kingdom News No. 17 were distributed. Include discussion of Question Box. Song 66.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 6

15 min: Song 31. Introduction, text and comments. Include discussion of some points of particular interest on pages 17-32 of "1974 Yearbook."

4 min: Accounts report.

12 min: "Keep Your Minds Fixed on the Things Above." (Col. 3:2) Talk based on published material under "Questions from Readers" in the August 15, 1973, issue of "The Watchtower."

15 min: Presenting Subscription Offer.

(5 min.) Read with publishers left-hand column of page 2 of current "Watchtower." Show how paragraphs 2 and 3 could be used in obtaining subscriptions. The final paragraph could be used to suggest a Bible study.

(10 min.) Demonstrate suggested sermon. (See meeting for week of December 23.) After scripture presentation, pause and state that we could show value of magazine in a number of ways. Publisher continues, reading a paragraph from page 2 of magazine.

Then another publisher steps up and, to same householder, demonstrates just the concluding part of the presentation, but tying in the article "Can Those Faithful to God Conceal the Truth?" Show that the preaching of Bible truth is part of the "sign." Also refer to box listing articles in coming issues.

14 min: Concluding comments. Include discussion of "Do You Leave a Handbill?" Song 32.

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How Is Your Personal Study Program?

1 Do you find that other things sometimes interfere with your program for personal and family study? If so, your experience is not unique. Every one of Jehovah's servants has to fight against time-consuming encroachments and the imperfections of the flesh in order to devote sufficient time to personal study. Do you have a good arrangement going now? If so, fine! But if your good intentions have flagged somewhat and you are back to irregular study habits, now is the time to get back to a good schedule.

2 What can be done? Well, first it would be good to review just why it is so important to do personal study. For one thing, if you are trying to get by with only what you can get at the meetings, without doing personal study, your spiritual health will soon reflect your neglect. It is somewhat like a home Bible study you might conduct for which the student just does not prepare his lesson. Because appreciation is lacking, his progress is very slow. To grow spiritually we have to put forth personal effort and think deeply about the application of God's Word in our own lives.

3 Convinced of the importance of regular personal study, you will have the incentive to stick by a good routine. Many families reserve at least one night each week for studying together and preparing for meetings and refuse to let anything interfere with the arrangements. Additionally, there are other times that can be redeemed *individually* for reading a portion of the Bible, an article in one of the magazines or a few pages in one of the books. While riding a bus to work, while waiting for an appointment, during the lunch break—yes, there are many opportunities to do personal reading.

4 At Proverbs 2:1-5, we are told that in paying attention to wisdom and calling out for understanding and discernment, seeking it as for hid treasures, we will "understand the fear of Jehovah" and "find the very knowledge of God." We cannot have this proper "fear of Jehovah" and "knowledge of God" unless we study his Word. If we really get the impact of his Word, we will not try to beg off from what God requires or try to get around what the Bible clearly shows we should do. We will ask ourselves as we read and study, What does this mean in my life? If it does not mean anything, why not? For example, the father, instead of conducting a routine 'ask the question, get the answer' study with his children, might lovingly get expressions on how the Scriptural encouragement and counsel will affect how they will conduct themselves in school.

5 Do you find that your comprehension is somewhat slower than that of others? Do you read at a slower pace, perhaps not quite getting everything read before something new comes out? Do not let this worry you. With practice, there may be ways you can improve your ability to read and comprehend, but the important thing is to have regular and definite times set aside to do personal study. And make it your objective to enjoy it to the full. In seeking understanding of what you read, see how the points learned fit in with what you already know.

6 We should not hesitate to get into the deeper things of God's Word. Paul admonished: "Solid food belongs to mature people, to those who through use have their perceptive powers trained to distinguish both right and wrong." (Heb. 5:13, 14) Personal study plays a vital part in growth to maturity, and in keeping ourselves strong spiritually and properly equipped for Jehovah's service.

Announcements

◆ Literature offer for December: *New World Translation* with *Peace and Security* book for $1.25. Also other Bibles (including those in some foreign languages) and Bible study aids such as the *Aid* book and *"Make Sure of All Things"* can be offered where appropriate. *Kingdom News* No. 17 will be distributed from December 22 through 31.

For January through April: *Watchtower* subscription, with three booklets, for $1.50. Subscriptions for both *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* can also be offered, with six booklets, for $3.00.

◆ The public talk built around eighty colored slides that will be presented by circuit overseers starting in February is entitled "Our Troubled Times—What Do They Mean?" Also beginning in February, the public lecture at circuit assemblies will be "Be Confident of Divine Victory!"

◆ Elders are requested to review the letter of October 1, 1973, regarding pioneers. If Personal Qualifications Reports are needed, they should be requested from the Society.

◆ New Publications available:

"The Nations Shall Know that I Am Jehovah"—How? —Chinese, Spanish
"Then Is Finished the Mystery of God" —French
New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures —Japanese
Organization for Kingdom-preaching and Disciple-making —Japanese

◆ Regular Pioneer Report cards (S-200) that are needed by the regular pioneers are to be ordered by the presiding overseer. Please include these with your next literature order.

◆ After December 21, 1973, congregations may submit orders for the 1973 bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* These will be available in English, Dutch, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish. Volumes are $2.50 each. There are no pioneer rates. All orders for bound volumes will be charged to your congregation literature account. We also have in stock *1971 Watchtower* and *Awake!* bound volumes in English, available at the reduced cost of $1.50 each. Any desiring these please order them along with your current bound volume order.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	807	145.8	45.9	4.0	133.4
Pios.	17,010	96.8	31.0	2.7	76.3
Temp.Pios.	30,000	77.2	18.6	1.1	59.8
Pubs.	464,921	12.6	3.6	.4	9.9
TOTAL	512,738				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,319

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1974
483,438 Publishers

Do You Leave a Handbill?

What do you do when a person is so busy you do not have time even to offer the magazines? Suppose someone does not take any literature after you speak with him about the truth? And what do you do when there is no one at home? Handbills are designed to fill the need in these and many other situations. Do you always carry handbills with you and try to leave them at every home? Often they can give a witness when you cannot.

In addition to handbills that advertise the public lecture program of the congregation for several weeks, there are those that give general information on the times of meetings and the location of the Kingdom Hall. It is beneficial to have a good supply of these on hand. Both have brief Scriptural discussions on the back that are designed to start a person thinking and to excite his interest in the Bible's answer.

Many experiences have been related in which individuals came in touch with the truth because of receiving a handbill. One man, after being disillusioned with several churches, prayed one night: 'Dear God, if there is a God, help me to find the religion that is right.' The next morning he noticed a handbill left earlier at his door when no one was at home. He accepted the invitation thereon to attend the Bible lecture at the Kingdom Hall. How glad he and his family are now that one of God's Christian witnesses left that handbill. Try to leave at least a handbill at every door.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

By Offering Subscriptions at Every Opportunity

1 When someone subscribes for *The Watchtower* or *Awake!*, what happens? Twice a month for the next twelve months, a message comes to that home that could aid the members of that household to get everlasting life.

2 The articles published in the magazines are specially designed, not only to feed Jehovah's people spiritually, but also to appeal to and impress right-hearted ones of the public. Do not assume that some articles in *The Watchtower* will be too difficult for the public. If you go back through the issues we have received during the past year, for instance, how many do you find that the public could not understand? Even the deeper articles are readable and understandable.

3 During the four months of the *Watchtower* campaign we will look for opportunities for offering subscriptions in every direction, but particular attention will be focused on certain opportunities each month. In January, appropriately we will devote much time to the actual house-to-house work with the subscription offer. Then in February, we will continue with house-to-house work, but we will also focus attention on making return visits where subscriptions might be obtained, including subscription promises and people with whom we conduct studies. In March, we will give special attention to informal witnessing opportunities. And finally in April, we will consider particularly to whom we might send gift subscriptions.

4 Here is something you will want to impress upon your mind so that you will remember it throughout the four-month *Watchtower* campaign: The majority of issues of *The Watchtower* will discuss some feature of the "sign" of Jesus' presence and the end of this system of things. Watch for these articles and bring points from them into your discussions at the door. Use them in helping people to appreciate the value of having a subscription.

5 You will note, too, that the box showing articles to come in the next issue will be expanded to include outstanding articles in several future issues. This you can point to in showing how a *Watchtower* subscription will benefit one in the months just ahead.

6 We encourage all to be subscription conscious during the four months of the campaign. Subscriptions for both magazines are often taken just as readily as a subscription for just one. Try it and see if this is true in your territory!

"Walk in the Name of Jehovah" (*Cont'd*)

We are leaving one in every home. Please read it." Or, "The reason I am here is to give you a brief printed message. It is free. Please read it." We want the individual to read the tract rather than listen to a sermon from us on this visit. The less we say, the more likely the person will be to read the tract. However, we should be warm and friendly.

7 The distribution this month takes place during the holiday season when many are free from secular work for a few days and young ones are out of school. We encourage all publishers to have a full share. The elders can assist all by making special arrangements for group witnessing, as the united effort encourages all. New ones who qualify for field service have here an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic start.

8 Of course, during most of the month we will be offering the Bible and *True Peace and Security—From What Source?*, for a contribution of $1.25. If we still have our copy of the folder on "Bibles and Bible Study Aids," we can use it to show the people the Bibles and aids we can furnish, such as the large-print Bible and *The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures*. Also, if you have foreign-speaking people in your territory, keep in mind that the Bible is available in various languages.

9 The nations continue to walk in the names of their gods, but not for much longer. Such false worship is leading them into destruction. We rejoice that many continue to come out of Babylon the Great. Before Jehovah's patience runs out, it is our privilege to help these to join us in pure worship.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **A temporary special pioneer couple working isolated territory in Nebraska report that they placed a total of 2,629 books and 4,739 magazines during their three-month assignment.**

◆ **The international assembly at Honolulu, Hawaii, was attended by 14,157. There were 443 immersed. The Hawaii branch had a peak of 3,808 publishers in August. Fifteen percent of them are pioneers.**

◆ **Indonesia's "Divine Victory" Assembly was attended by 3,186, with 182 baptized. Their fourth successive publisher peak was reached in September, with 3,229 reporting.**

◆ **Vietnam's first month as a branch (September) was blessed with a new peak of 98 publishers.**

◆ **India reported a fine "Divine Victory" National Assembly at Madras with an attendance of 3,249 and 175 baptized. Ten different languages were used.**

◆ **Zambia reports that all six of its "Divine Victory" Assemblies were successfully held, with an outstanding combined attendance of 133,298. A total of 1,075 were baptized.**

Question Box

● What procedure is to be followed by the public meeting chairman?

The public meeting chairman's duty is to impart a welcome and relaxed feeling to the audience and to maintain a smooth continuity to the features of the program. Therefore, he should prepare in advance to make his comments serve these purposes. Brevity is the keynote. After a few words of welcome, a song is usually sung, followed by prayer. Usually it is appropriate for the chairman to offer the prayer, but it may be offered by another brother, preferably one designated beforehand. ("or," pp. 95, 96) Then the chairman states the title of the talk and introduces the speaker. Since those attending know that it is a religious meeting, with one of Jehovah's witnesses, a minister, as speaker, it is inappropriate to introduce the speaker as "Mister." It is customary to refer to him as "Brother ——." If he is a visiting speaker, the chairman may want to state the name of the congregation with which the speaker is associated. There is no need to state his qualifications, nor to specify how long the speaker will talk. Primarily, the subject of the talk should be distinctly stated so that the audience clearly understands it.

After the talk, the comments should also be very brief. The subject of next week's talk may be announced, with an invitation to attend. If the "Watchtower" study follows the talk, the subject to be studied may be announced and the audience encouraged to remain and enjoy it.

By being brief and to the point the chairman's comments do not detract from or cause duplication of the speaker's introduction or conclusion. The audience hears what they came to hear, namely, the discourse by the speaker, and the chairman does not run the meeting overtime.

★ **Widen Out the Witness with Kingdom News No. 17.** ★